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THE B. I.S. N. Co's steamer Isaura, 3,362 tons, Captain W. W. Tucker, arrived in harbour on Sunday from Melbourne, with a cargo of coal and 387 horses.

THE steamer Harlbyn, 2,234 tons, Captain W. C. Bird, arrived in harbour on the 26th instant from Calcutta 12th January, with a cargo of coal.

THE Eastern Telegraph, Co's steamer Colonia, 4,977, tons, Captain H. Woodcock, arrived in harbour yesterday from London via Cape and Aden.

THE steamer Burrania, 2,593 tons, captain H. Tilsby arrived in harbour yesterday from Port Natal, with a cargo of coal.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 759 tons captain W Moxon, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 65 cases of opium, 4 horses and the following passengers: Mr. and Mrs. Lockyer, Captain Henderson, Mr G Harts and 3 Natives.

CHINA MAIL

THE P and O Co's Mail steamer Delhi 4,783 tons, Captain J D Andrews, arrived in harbour yesterday from Shanghai via intermediate ports with China and Australian Mails, a general cargo and the following passengers: Mr E J Flanagan, Mr and Mrs Adams, Mr R A Adams, Mr A M Wilson, Mr and Mrs Bunker, Mr Burke, Mr Mullen Pady Palmer, Miss Palmer, Miss Erusl, Mr and Mrs Howard, Messrs Howard, Count Crenville, Countess Crenville, Mr O'Tevin Jones, Mr Esmailjee, Mr Billimoria, Mr O'Halleran, Mr Reynolds. Miss Reynolds, Mr Tavaria, Mr Ahmedkhan and 4 deck.

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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—JAN. 27.

Alcana .....2311 Morgon.....W & A G & Co
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4 Clan Gordon ..2286 Pagean....Dunkirk .....31 1 F Muir & Co
5 Biojun Maru..2979 Iriswa .... Kobe .....29-1 N Y Kaisha
6 Gutenfels .....3351 Dittrichen ...Hamburg ...31-1 Glade & Co
7 Schwarzenfels 3456 Francino.....Colombo...31-1 Glade & Co
8 Africa.....3585 Bliadfer .....Trieste .....1-2 E Scarpa
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12 Egypt .....4178 Summers .....London .....1-2 P & O Co
16 Kazulor.....1864 Michiken ..Zbar .....3-2 A Strandes

M W D D

Rionde .....645 Comdr Laforte ...Goa .....1-2 P Gunboat

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
26	Itaura s	Tucker	Melbourne, Dec 10
27	Harlyn s	Bird	Calcutta, Jan 12
	Dwarka s	Moxon ...	Basrah, Jan 18
	Colonia s	Woodcock ...	London, &c
	Delhi s	Andrews ...	Shanghai, Jan 7
	Bucrania s	Tilsby	Port Natal, Jan 1

DEPARTURE.

Jan.	Vessel	Commander.	From.
27	Goalpara s.....	Morrison	Persian Gulf

The steamer Rydal Hall, Captain Fraser, obtained her port clearance yesterday for Calcutta.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:

Steamer Dwarka for Persian Gulf &c,
" Hild for Singapore Bangkok &c,
" Kazulo for Zanzibar &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JAN. 27.

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—88 cwt condiments, M Poonjiaji and Sons; 167 cwt olibanum, A Chayla and Co; 138 cwt fishmaws R Dhunji and Co; 72 cwt condiments, and 5 cwt Bombay duck, N K Jassawalla, and Co; 375 cwt myrabollams, G Madhavji and Co; 11 cases bristles J A Begbie and Co; 3 cases tuberdasery, 2 bales Carpets, and 33 bales silk waste King King and Co; 7 cases cotton curtains and 12 cases brassware, L B Bhootwalla; 300 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Singapore s—6,000 cwt cottonseed, L Dreyfuse and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Clan Gorden s—220 bales cotton, G Tejpal and Co; 110 bales cotton, D D Curanes and Co; 58 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 15 bales hemp, J N Kapadia and Co.

Liebenfels s—1,926 cwt teelseed, Worman and Co,

FOR GOTHENBURG.

Coleso s—300 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co,

FOR ANTWERP.

Singapore s—10 cwt casbew nuts and 45 cwt nuxvomica, R Jeewandas.

Gutenfels s—110 bales cotton, A Moriz and Co; 110 bales cotton, Volkert Bros; 760 bales cotton, Guddum and Co; 160 bales cottonfly, N Peerbhoy.

FOR HULL.

Colenso s—3,785 cwt myrabollams A Khimji; 3,000 cwt myrabollams W Bechar.

FOR HAMBURG.

Gutenfe's s—165 bales cottonfly, K Harmukhrai and Co; 150 bales cotton, N Peerbhoy; 25 bales hemp, E Tajbhoy and Co; 4,000 cwt myrabollams, G Madhovji and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Liebenfels s—50 bales hemp, P Bhimji; 2,002 cwts linseed, A Blascheck and Co; 600 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 4,080 cwts myrabollams, E Oomorsey; 2,000 cwts linseed, Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Africa s—400 cwts olibanum, G Sojpal; 125 cwts olibanum, M Jufferbhoy; 110 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co; 100 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 28 bales twist, H Suljer and Co; 224 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 50 bales twist, Greaves cotton and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Africa s—25 cwt olibanum, M Jafferbhoy; 72 bales hemp, E Oomersoy; 2 bales twist, Greaves Cotton and Co.

FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.

Africa s—27 bales twist, Rehmani Mill and Co.

FOR KOBE.

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FOR OSAKA

Riojun Maru s—100 bales cotton, The Japan Cotton Trading and Co.

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LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *January* 26.] [BOMBAY, *January* 27.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value	From	Vessel.	Importer.
	Rs.			
1 Box Rupees ..	5,000	Aden	Oriental	C Khushal
1 Case Sovs	150	Seychelles	Kanzler	K M K S Pillay
Gold Coins ..	120			
Rupees	3,500			

BOMBAY MARKETS.

MONDAY EVENING.] [27TH JANUARY 1908.

FINANCIAL.

Money :-

The Bank of Bombay Cash balance is Rs. 16 lacs down.

Exchange :-

The Market opened quiet at 1-3 29-32 T. T. and 1-3 15-16 on demand. There was only a trifling enquiry for remittance and nothing better than current rates was available. Most Banks were willing to buy Credits at 1-4 5-32 3 months' sight for ready and forward delivery but bills have been in poor supply. Far Eastern rates are steady.

We quote :—

T. T. on London ...	...1s. 3 29/32d.	
Demand Draft ...	...1s. 3 15/16d.	
Credits—3 months' sight	...1s. 4 5/32d.	
Do. 6 months sight	...1s. 4 11/32d.	
Do. 2 months' sight—France		169 1/2
Do. 2 months' sight—Marks.		128 1/4
Hongkong—30 days' sight...		141
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...		150 3/4
Shanghai— 30 days' sight ...		188 1/2

Government Paper.

The market opened steady at 96 ready and 96 1/16 for the settlement. A very moderate business has been passing in the Bazaar and at the close rates are practically unchanged. Calcutta market is also quiet, their quotations being 95 13/16 ready and 96 3/16 for delivery forward in a month.

We quote :—

Cash	Rs.	96·0 } Sellers.
1st Settlement ...	"	96·1 }

Bullion :-

On Saturday, in London, ready Bar silver closed 1/16 up at 25 5.8 but the forward quotation was unchanged at 25⅞. In the local Bazaar the market has been quiet. Some of the dealers have been selling and during the day the price of ready bars has receded 3/16 to 67 ex-duty. The Settlement rate closes steady at 66 9/16 ex-duty. The price of Bar Gold is unchanged.

We quote :—

		Rs.	a. p.
English Bar Gold	...	24	6 0
Australian Bar Gold	...	24	5 0
Bombay Bar Gold	...	24	2 0
English Shield Sovereigns ...	...	15	3 0
English Dragon Sovereigns ...	...	15	2 0
Silver ex Duty—Ready ...	...	67	0 0
Ditto 1st Settlement	...	66	9 0

COTTON.

Market Report :-

We give below the Visible Supply and Into Sight figures received yesterday, and also the figures for the past two years :—

	Visible Supply.	Into Sight.
Jan. 25th 1908...	4,320,000 bales	7,870,000 bales
" 24th 1907...	4,930,000 "	9,550,000 "
" 23rd 1906...	4,490,000 "	7,760,000 "

Our market to-day has been quiet but steady. There is no demand for February delivery, but for March there is a limited enquiry at about our quotation. Broach has been steady during the day. At Colaba a fair business was done in ready cotton by exporters and Mills.

After the settlement on Saturday, business was done in the bazaar as follows :—

Fully Good H. G. Bengals .....Rs. 181/82
15th-25th Jan. 1909.
Fine M. G. Bengals .....Rs. 196/97
1st-25th Jan. 1909.
Khamgaum Akola ..... " 215/16
E. G. M. G. Khandeish ..... " 195/96

Contracts in the above are reported to have been made on Bombay Cotton Exchange terms.

Our market closes quiet but steady at the undermentioned rates :—

QUOTATIONS :—	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach ...	277	March
Good M. G. Broach ...	269¼	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti ...	232/3	"
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon	225/6	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola	222	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti ...	222	"
Fine M. G. Muttia ...	207	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ...	201	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish ...	204	"
Fine M. G. Bengals ...	201	"
F. G. H. G. Bengals ...	191¼	"
Good Westerns ...	242	May
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	256	"

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :-

The market is steady at the following rates :—

Ready	Rs.	8 1 0	B. T.
Apl.-May	"	8 9 0	R. T.

Rapeseed :-

The market is firm with a fair enquiry at our quotations :—

Brown Cawnpore, April-May	"	9 7 0	R. T.
Yellow Gujarat ...	"	9 15 0	B. T.

Gingellyseed :-

The market continues steady as under :—

Bold White, 85 p.c.	Rs.	59	8 0
White Havre	"	59	0 0
Yellow Hinganghat	"	62	8 0

Poppyseed :-

April.-May ... ... Rs. 11 0 0

Tone—Steady.

Castorseed :-

Ready Rs. 34 0 0 Apl.-May. Rs. 35 0 0

Tone—Quiet but steady.

Cottonseed :- Rs. 25 8 0

Tone—Firmer.

Mowraseed :- Rs. 5 5-0

Tone—Easier.

Groundnuts- Rs. 43 8 0

Tone—Quiet.

Wheat :-

The market is easier with little doing. We quote :—

White Delhi, Apl.-May ... Rs. 6 0 6 R.T.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :-

Bombay	...		1,337½
India	...		59 1/2
Indian Specie Bank ...	...		53

Mills :-

Century	...		1.860
David	...		400
Empress	...		420
Hindoostan Mill ...	...		5 774
Howard and Bullough ...	...		550
Kohinoor	...		755
Manekji Petit	...		3.260
New Great Eastern ...	...		217 1/2
Standard	...		1.175
Textile	...		1.270

Presses :-

Indian Cotton 123 3/4

Miscellaneous :-

Bidham Pile & Co. ...	...		127
Colaba Land and Mill ...	...		1,080
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate	...		45

A large number of Bamankna Manganese Co's Shares has been put through at Rs. 3 Prem.

Railways :-

Ahmedbad-Prantej ...	...		560
Tapti-Valley	...		427 1/2

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. on Saturday :—

Cotton	17,421	bales
Wheat	27,832	cwts
Linseed	101	"
Rapeseed	2	"
Gingellyseed	985	"
Poppyseed	23	"
Groundnuts	425	"
Castorseed	373	"
Rice	7,476	"
Myrabollams	13,286	"
Cottonseed	28,396	"
Mowraseed	192	"
Gram	73	"
Joowar	3,223	"
Maize	153	"

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 25th January 1908, as compared with the statement of 18th Jan. 1908 :—

	Jan. 18. Rs.	Jan. 25. Rs.
LIABILITIES.		
Capital ...	1,00,00,000	100,00,000
Reserve Fund ...	97,00,000	97,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office ...	40,59,171	40,03,617
Public Deposits at Branches ...	55,43,526	56,93,787
Other Deposits...	7,99,17,064	786,99,492
Post Bills ...	13,338	11,871
Sundries ...	19,16,073	18,75,697
Rs..	11,11,48,269	10,99,90,464
ASSETS.		
Government Securities ...	1,35,45,057	130,72,315
Other authorised Securities...	16,67,978	16,53,388
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities ...	2,11,86,785	213,67,630
Loans do. do. do. ...	1,97,77,156	208,49,549
Bills discounted and purchased ...	2,48,61,172	235,36,343
Dead Stock ...	3,30,958	3,30,958
Stamps ...	5,521	5,494
Bullion ...	3,91,965	6,79,209
Balances with other Banks...	10,71,775	15,00,367
Sundries ...	2,81,501	2,22,506
Cash ...	2,80,88,324	264,82,705
	11,11,48,269	10,99,90,464

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., writing from Liverpool on the 7th instant, state :—

We confirm our respects of the 31st ultimo.

The optimism which usually characterises the opening of a new year, although it had this time the stimulus of a reduction in the Bank Rate to 6 per cent. has so far not been realised, and the market has shown a declining tendency since we wrote last.

A large part in this must be ascribed to the tactics of the speculative groups on the other side of the Atlantic, who have put forward reports of further probable difficulties and large ginning figures.

The National Ginners' Report was issued yesterday :—10,078,000, slightly more than expected. The Census Ginners' Report is due on Thursday next, and is expected to be about 10,000,000.

These figures are taken as indicating a somewhat larger movement, but in the meantime the South persistently refuses to meet declines, and we have cables stating that at present prices very little is offering.

Another feature which helped to unsteady the market, was the increased gravity of the ring spinners' dispute in Lancashire. Masters owning 96 per cent of the spindles have emphatically stated they will declare a lock-out on the 18th instant, if the operatives' notices are not withdrawn; and this resolution has been carried without a penalty clause, i.e., individual firms will not be free to go on working on payment of a penalty.

Personally, we do not think it will come to a cessation of work, in view of the continued prosperity of Lancashire's spinning trade, large dividends and bonuses being still the order of the day. Reports from America are again better.

The Fall River cotton mills have just declared a record dividend of 18 3/10 per cent. per annum. We hear by cable that both Northern and Southern mills are making better and more numerous bids for cotton, thus indicating the improvement which is taking place, and which will no doubt be intensified as money becomes easier.

We do not shut our eyes to the fact that the situation is not without its shadows. From Germany especially, we hear that some foreboding is felt with regard to the year just commenced.

And in the Far Eastern markets trade generally has been seriously hampered by the great fall in silver, and the losses suffered in connection therewith. We see signs, however, of a recovery in silver, and it is to be hoped that this will continue.

Altogether, the position is not one which leads us to alter our views in any way.

If the crop had fulfilled its early promise, both as regards quantity and quality, we should have considered prices, with a consumption equal to, or perhaps somewhat less than last season, as too high. With a yield, however, of only 12,000,000 to 12,300,000—and so far there is no indication of more—in which the good qualities are not superabundant; a crop, moreover, which has to make up for reduced yields in other parts, and which is being determinedly held by the growers for their own prices, we do not see any prospect of permanent decline from the present level.

As we said last week, the market may respond to various influences from day to day, but we think moments of weakness offer advantages for the purchase of cotton.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

We are glad to see the decline in Egyptian, which we had foreshadowed, actually taking place.

The fall of 1/2d. in the week, has been mainly brought about by the weakness of Alexandria, from which market absence of speculation is reported, also further financial difficulties and enforced liquidation.

By the decline, the difference between American and Egyptian is reduced to about 3·50d. This is, of course, still in excess of what it should be, and eventually, no doubt, the difference will still further materially decrease.

We hear from France that spinners of the coarser counts of Egyptian are not finding a ready sale for their output.

This cannot be said of Lancashire, however, for it is Egyptian spinners who have made the largest profits.

The future course of Egyptian cotton is not certain. The Alexandria market is capable of very quick recovery, and always has more or less influence on prices here. At the same time, as already stated, we think there is still room for a further narrowing between the two growths.

Jan :—5·67d.
M-A :—5·70d.
J-A :—5·68d.
O-N :—5·40d.

OPTIONS :—M-A. double 0·46d. sellers nominal.
A-M. " 0·54d. " "
M-J. " 0·60d. " "
J-A. " 0·74d. " "

EGYPTIAN :—
Jan. Liverpool :—9·12-64d.
Mar. " 9·13 64d.
Alexandria :—Closed to-day.

THE ACCIDENT TO GUNNER BYRNE.

Gunner Byrne of the 70th Company of the Royal Garrison Artillery, who sustained serious injuries while participating in the Royal Scots' Athletic sports last Saturday, is progressing well. A piece of the rod that had been blown off into his right arm by the blast of the order has been extracted; and there is now no fear entertained of a possible loss of his left eye.

BOTH at Ispahan and Yezd German synthetic indigo has become popular with the dyers, says the British Vice-Consul, Mr. Baggaly in his report on trade at Yezd. It is, of course, cheaper than the natural product, although precisely the same duty is charged at Bushire. The most satisfactory piece of information in the Report is that, owing to drastic measures, the roads are distinctly safer.

"LINKS AND STUDS" EXPERT THIEF.—Mrs. E. Deleng residing in Marble Hall, Parel road has reported to the police that some one entered her room on the 25th instant by a back window and stole a lady's gold watch valued at Rs. 60, a gold broach, links and studs of the collective value of Rs. 85 from the dressing table in room. Mrs. Bartley living in the same building reported that on the same morning a silver watch and chain valued at Rs. 50 and a gold broach and cash valued collectively at Rs. 71 were stolen from a table in her bed room Mr. A. Brewn informs the the police that the same morning at 3 o'clock gold links and studs of the value of Rs. 65 which were in a shirt placed on a chair in the bedroom of his bungalow Victoria Cross road, were stolen. The ayah saw somebody leave the room and raised an alarm but the man made good his escape before people were attracted to the spot. The police suspects that all these thefts must have been committed by on "Links and Studs expert thief."

A SPECIAL general meeting of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India, under the presidency of His Excellency the Viceroy, is to be held at Government House, Calcutta, on Friday, 14th February. The main object of the meeting is to present a brief report on the working and progress of the Association, and to sanction the enlargement of the powers now possessed by the provincial Branches of the Association in regard to the investment of their own funds. Attendance will be limited to life councillors, life members and ordinary members of the Association, and application for cards must be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Countess of Dufferin's Fund, Central Committee, Government House, by the 10th February.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

MCMAHON—January 21, at Bellary, Robert Cyril, eldest son of M. A. McMahon, Madras Police, and grandson of Lieut. R McMahon, Retired Superintendent, Madras Survey, and great-grandson of John McMahon, of Killerdyserd, Ireland, aged 14 years.

REGNAUD—January 12, at Karwar, Marie Phyllis, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Regnaud.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 29m. High water, 5-28m., 7-22a. Low water, 0-28a.

Bombay Hunt, Irla (Paris station.)

Bombay Improvement Trust, 4 p. m.

Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p. m.

Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.

Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Dr D. M. Dastur's Lecture, Framjee Cowasjee Institute, 6-15 p. m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Feb. 2nd, New Moon, 2h. 6·5m. p.m.; Feb. 9th, First Quarter, 9h. 57·5m. a. m.; Feb 17th, Full Moon, 2h. 35·4m, p.m.; Feb. 25th, Last Quarter, 8h. 54·3m. a. m.; Feb. 2nd, in Perigee, 7h p. m.; Feb. 15th, in Apogee, 8h. p. m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Wednesday, January 29.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m. Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. The treatment of Indian Subjects in South Africa, public meeting in the Tow Hall, 5 p.m. Bombay Education Society, Founder's Day, Annual Sports, 3 to 6 p. m. Sun rises, 7h. 14m, Sun sets, 6h. 30m. High water, 6-40m., 8-15a. Low water, 1-14m., 1-42a.

Thursday, January 30.—Bombay Hunt, Santa Cruz Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. G. I P. R Mechanics' Institute, Parel, Fancy Dress Ball, 9-30 p. m. Asiatic Fire Insurance Company, Temple Bar Buildings, Forbes Street, 2-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 30m. High water, 8-1m., 9-47a. Low water, 2-42m., 2-42a.

Friday, January 31.—Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 31m. High water, 9-21m., 10-37a. **Low water, 3-48m., 3-36a.**

Saturday, February 1.—Bombay Extra Races. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Harmston's Circus, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m. Stree Bodhe Jubilee, entertainment to school children, Town Hall. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 31m. High water, 10-21m., 11-22a. Low water, 4-41m., 4-26a.

Sunday, February 2.—Bombay Hunt, Cross Roads. Melon Ground. Automobile Show and Motor Gymkhana, Bombay to Kolhapur and back. Sun rises, 7h. 13m., Sun sets, 6h. 32m., High water, 11-14m., Low water, 5-28m., 5-14a.

Monday, February 3.—Automobile Show and Motor Gymkhana, Bombay to Kolhapur and back. First Criminal Sessions of the High Court, 10-30 a. m. Bank of India annual meeting, Oriental Buildings, 3 p. m. Arrival of H E the Governor from tour, Grant Road. 8 a. m. "Stree Bodhe" Jubilee lecture by Mr. Justice Beaman on Position of Women in Civilised Society, Town Hall. Sun rises, 7h. 13m. Sun sets 6h. 33m. High water, 0-4m., 0-4a. Low water, 12m., 6-0a.

DANGEROUS CARGO.—A Mahomedan steve lore labourer named Budool Macka, was removing cases containing sulphuric acid jars in no. 3 hold of the "City of Madras," on Sunday when one of the jars in a case burst and he was severely burnt by the leakage. He was taken to the G. T. Hospital.

THEFT ON BOARDSHIP.—Mr. J. M. Gray, Master of the S. S. "Clan Maclachlan" informs the police that some time during Saturday night a chronometer valued at Rs 375 was stolen from the Chart room of the ship while eleven electro plated forks and eleven electroplated spoons and other articles, of the aggregate value of Rs. 100 were stolen from the dining Saloon

DR. D. M. DASTUR'S LECTURE.—The opening lecture of the season under the auspices of the "Dunyan Prasarak Mandali" will be delivered in Gujarati at the Framjee Cowasjee Institute at (S. T.) 6-15 p. m. to-day by Dr. Dinshaw M. Dastur, Surgeon-Oculist. The topic selected for the evening is "Precautions against untimely blindness." The lecture will be illustrated with anatomical charts, model of the eye, etc., and is open to the public, front seats being reserved for ladies and members of the Mandali as usual.

GRANT COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the Society will be held in the Grant College Library at 5 P. M. (Standard time.) to-day :—Bussiness :—(1). The minutes of the last meeting to be read and confirmed; (2) Dr. N. Elijah to be elected, and Drs. K. S. Mhaskar, Mukati Mulchand, S. H. Boyce, K. G. Sathe, S. B. Kulkarni, to be proposed members of the Society ; (3) Dr. K. M. Dubash will read notes on a case of Spina Bifida removed by him, by an operation; and (4) Such other business as may be brought forward by the Hon. Secretaries.

BAND AT THE YACHT CLUB.—By kind permission of the Officer Commanding and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion B. B. & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps, will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. H. C. Dane at the Yacht Club, commencing at 6-15 p.m. to-day :—

Quickstep	Smart Troops	Helmsun
Overture	French Comedy	Keler Bela
Selection	Plantation Songs	Clutsam
Spanish Waltz	Cordova	Gomez
Selection	Florodora	Stuart
Valse Lente	Jessamine	Reubens
Song (Cornet)	Sing me to Sleep	Greene

THIEVING WOMEN.—Yesterday at the Mazagon Police Court, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, acting second Presidency Magistrate, Kassibai and Bhimabai, Hindu women, with trespass in an enclosure at the Mallet Bunder. On Sunday evening a Kalassi was sleeping on the bags of grain stacked in an enclosure at Mallet Bunder when he heard some noise and woke up. He saw four women running away through a hole in the fence. He chased them and caught the two accused. The Customs peon and the police arrived on the scene and the accused were arrested. A quantity of grain was found tied in their "sarees" and some of the bags were torn and a quantity of gram was lying on the ground. The accused were convicted and sentenced to 15 days' rigorous imprisonment.

RESTIVE HORSE.—On Sunday evening Mr. Vramji Rahimtulla's brougham was being driven along the Pedder road by his coachman Bhikia coming near Sir Hurkisondas Narotamdas' bungalow the horse suddenly became restive and started kicking up. The front glass was smashed and hurt one of the ladies of Rahimtulla family who were in the carriage. The ladies jumped out of the vehicle. The animal then cantered fast and the coachman was thrown off the box. The carriage collided with a Municipal lamp post which was damaged and the carriage was broken to pieces near the Gowalia Tank. The animal was then secured. Coming down the slopes a clerk named Dwarkadas Velji was knocked down and hurt. His collarbone was fractured and he was removed to the J. J. Hospital.

A KHOJA WEDDING.—For the several days the festivities in connection with the wedding of Jenabhai, a daughter of Mr. Jaffar Cassum Moosa, Estate Manager to His Highness the Aga Khan, have been celebrated at Khoja Mohalla with great pomp. The bridegroom is the only son of the late Camadia Ismail Kasmani, the treasurer of his Highness. An evening entertainment was given on Sunday night by Mr. Jaffer Cassum Moosa at Aga Khan's building in Imamwada. The premise were brilliantly illuminated and gaily decorated for the occasion. The guests were received by Mr. Jaffar and accommodated in a shamiana erected in the compound. Another entertainment was given at the bridegroom's place at Khoja Mohalla the same night. The wedding procession took place last evening, and was attended by representative citizens of all nationalities.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

SUIT AGAINST A JOINT STOCK COMPANY.

Claim for Commission.

The Hon'ble Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Batchelor have disposed of a suit instituted by the Ahmedabad Jubilee Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Limited, (appellant and original defendant) against the original plaintiff and respondent, Chotalal Chaganlal, in which the latter sued for an account of the commission due to him from the former. Mr. Raikes with Messrs. Bhaishankar and Co. appeared for the appellant, and the Hon'ble Mr. Setalwad with Mr. Lallubhai Asharam Shah represented the respondent. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant Company was a Joint Stock Company formed under a Memorandum of Association which was duly registered, that Section 7 of the Memorandum of Association and Section 110 of the Articles of Association allow commission at the rates mentioned to promoters, who by themselves or through others, accepted a particular number of shares, that the promoters were to get three-fourths of the commission and the agent one-fourth; that one Maneklal was entitled to 3 annas 1 pies per rupee in the commission; that plaintiff was entitled to 6 pies share as a sub-partner of Maneklal and that he had received commission at this rate up to the end of 1900; that the Company had no right to make alterations in the Memorandum of Association without the sanction of the High Court.

The defendant Company on the other hand contended that the provisions mentioned in Sections 6—11 of the Memorandum of Association were not those that ought to have been legally stated therein; that therefore the Company had all authority to alter or cancel the provisions mentioned in those Sections; that plaintiff's claim was not recognised under any special resolution; that no commission was entered on the plaintiff's name in the records of the Company; that the resolutions passed by the Company were binding against the plaintiff, who was not entitled to claim any commission. The suit was dismissed in the first court of the Joint Subordinate Judge of Ahmedabad, but on appeal the decree was reversed by the District Judge, and a decree passed in the plaintiff's favour. Against this decision an appeal was made in the High Court and their Lordships observed that this suit was based upon contract and the first question to be decided was whether there was any contractual relation between the plaintiff and the Company. To make out the affirmative, the plaintiff relied upon the memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company. But these documents, their Lordships said, embodied only the social contract, as it has been called, i.e. a contract between the shareholders "inter se" and possibly between the shareholders and the directors, and did not constitute any contract between the Company and its promoters under one of whom plaintiff had claimed. The suit must therefore fail inasmuch as there never was a contract between the Company and the plaintiff or the promoter in whose shoes he has claimed to stand. Upon another ground, their Lordships said, the appeal must be allowed. The clause of the Memorandum of Association constitutes no valid contract. What it purports to do was to give a perpetual annuity to the promoters and their assignees in consideration for certain services said to have been already rendered. But such

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PROGRAMME—PART I.

1. Selection ... "The Flying Dutchman" ... Wagner. H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S BAND. Conductor: HERR BEHR.
2. Recit Air { "Ah fill the cup"..... / "Ah moon of my delight"..... } Liza Lehmann. Mr. EDGAR FAULKNER.
3. Recit Aria { "E. Susanna non vien" ..... / "Dove sono i belli momenti," .. } Mozart.
4. Song..... "Largo"..... Handel. LADY MAUD WARRENDER.
5. Part Songs... { "To June" ..... / "Hail Smiling Morn" ..... } Creser Spofforth. THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR.
6. Song .... "Habanera" (from Carmen).... Bizet, Miss CLARKE.

PART II.

1. Duet ... "It isna Jean thy bonnie face." M. V. White. LADY MAUD WARRENDER and Mr. EDGAR FAULKNER.
2. Selection. H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S BAND.
3. Songs.... { "Myrra" ..... / "When love is kind"..... } Clutsam A. L. Miss CLARKE.
4. Songs.... { "Three fishers went sailing"..... / "Two eyes of grey"..... } Hullah McGeoch LADY MAUD WARRENDER.
5. Pianoforte Solo..... "Wedding March and Elfin Dance"..... Mendelssohn (from the Midsummer's night's dream). Mrs. BEN HICK.
6. Song ..... "Blow blow thou winter wind," Sargeant Mr. G. F. HILL.
7. Song and Chorus ..... "Land of Hope and Glory"..Elgar. LADY MAUD WARRENDER and the CATHEDRAL CHOIR.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Arranged by Sir Michael Costa. Soli and Chorus.

Accompanists: Mr. Theodore Flint and Mr. Edgar Faulkner.

Organ: Mr. George R. Johnston.

Plan of Hall at Messrs. Ross & Co.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC MEETING of the Inhabitants of Bombay, CALLED by the SHERIFF TO CONSIDER the question of the treatment of His Imperial Majesty's Indian subjects in South Africa, will be held in the TOWN HALL, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), at 5 P.M. (S.T.)

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THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOMBAY.

THE Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has sent in its reply to the letter the Governor of Bombay recently addressed to the various public bodies inviting their opinions as to the best means of developing and improving the town and island of Bombay. The Chamber is the first of the bodies to reply; but then its views were practically fixed some years ago and little remained but to revise and re-express them. This has been done and the result is a representation, a couple of columns long, which might perhaps advantageously have been expressed in half the space and without the sacrifice of a single point. Instead of the long paragraph congratulating Government on its determination to adopt a comprehensive scheme for the next twenty years, we should have liked the Chamber to lay down such a plan for the consideration of Government, for surely there must be quite a variety in the minds of the various members of that highly enlightened body, far superior to anything which might be expected to emanate from the minds of Members of Council, Sanitary Engineers, Railway Traffic Managers and the agglomeration of experts of all descriptions who comprise the Department of Public Works. However, after placing on paper a number of well-worn platitudes, the Chamber suddenly becomes business-like and offers a series of suggestions each one of which calls for respectful consideration as more or less direct replies to Government's inquiries. As to whether it is desirable, with the object of adding to the areas available for occupation by the wealthier classes, to prepare schemes for the construction of residential areas north of the island, to effect reclamations in Back Bay, or to utilise Trombay, or to adopt more than one of these remedies simultaneously, the Chamber has a full answer. It would utilise Trombay and reclaim the foreshore at Colaba; to open out the area to the north of the island would be doubtful policy. We agree. Trombay will be nearer and more easy of approach when the Mazagon-Sewree reclamation is completed. Much land may be snatched from the sea at Colaba. The northern end of the island will eventually be required for industrial undertakings and working-men's cottages,

We concur in the view that whatsoever is done should be subject to the most rigorous supervision by Government, that the new territory may not be despoiled as Malabar and Cumballa Hills have been spoiled, the same stringent regulations being applied either to reclamations at Colaba or to the development of the Kennedy Sea Face. The Chamber does not abandon its advocacy of the removal of the section of the B. B. & C. I. Railway South of Grant Road and expresses the opinion that "if it is decided to remove the railway along the sea-front south of Grant Road, a fine residential crescent could, if the reclamation areas are well planned, be built along the sweep of Back Bay. This would, of course, the Chamber adds, "entail a wide avenue along the sea-front, which everyone agrees is not only desirable but necessary." There are several "ifs" in this, besides a very sweeping assertion. And "Everyone" is a large number. If the Government determines to annihilate the best-paying section of railway in India, if the Railway authorities agree to the dismemberment of the line; if the line is rooted up and if the whole space between Queen's Road and the sea is utilised, part for a road and the remainder let for building purposes, and, if a well planned scheme be adopted, a fine residential crescent could be built along the sweep of Back Bay—a fine crescent backing in some places on to cemeteries and in another on to the burning-ghaut, a crescent three miles long without any communications except such as might be furnished by an electric tram-service which the residents of that crescent would never use any more than the class of people we might expect to live there use the tramways at present offered to them. We do not believe that the time ever will come in which the lion will lie down with the lamb to the extent the Chamber of Commerce seems to anticipate. How many of its members, for example, have ever once,—except perchance at the inaugural invitation excursion—made a single trip on the electric tram-cars? Tram-cars, run along Queen's Road, even if double its present width, would be more objectionable than the railway, without being nearly so convenient. Wherever the tram-lines run to-day the road for other vehicular purposes is more than half useless and what was gained by the widening of Queen's Road would be lost by the running of trams; besides which they would completely destroy the value of the road as a marine promenade. It is possible and just as easy to leave Queen's Road and the railway as they are, to reclaim land, construct a marina and build a fine residential crescent along the sweep of Back Bay. And to do so would give more room still and add to the public convenience and comfort.

We are glad to find the Chamber has had the courage to suggest the removal of the Towers of Silence, though they do not make the suggestion quite so tactfully as might be. While they were about it we are surprised they did not also advocate the removal of the cemeteries and the burning-ghaut on Queen's Road. They would furnish excellent and valuable building sites. Cemeteries and towers and burning-ghauts at the present moment occupy the finest sites in Bombay. Most cautious and diplomatic measures would have to be resorted to in order to produce the desired result, but to our mind the matter is pressing and might well be accounted one of the questions for immediate solution. The Chamber puts trunk roads first on the list of immediate needs. Abdul Rehmon street requires widening. It is not a new idea. The Improvement Trust has already conceived a plan for dealing with it and though the cost would necessarily be very great it is a scheme which will have to be carried out sooner or later—and the sooner the better. The Chamber thinks that Queen's Road would be far more useful as a main thoroughfare if it could be driven through to Grant Road, but if Queen's Road is to be stripped of the railway and made a residential quarter, traffic, as is to be expected in a main artery, would be intolerable. Frere Road should be driven through to Reay Road undoubtedly, but Frere Road is not half as wide as it ought to be and the traffic on it is so heavy and so continuous that there is never time to repair it and it stands to-day a hideous monument of the short-sightedness of old time administrators who refused to listen to the voice of warning raised a thousand times in the columns of this journal. On the subject of railway communications the Chamber adheres religiously to its desire to concentrate passenger traffic at Bori Bunder though it has apparently abandoned hope of the overhead lines with which at one time it sought to "beautify" Bombay. But as we pointed out some time ago the B. B. & C. I. Railway authorities deny the practicability of the Chamber's present scheme while, as the G. I. P. Railway Company showed, to concentrate traffic there would require the construction of lines through densely populated quarters the acquirement of which would entail so great an outlay that the cost of widening Abdul Rehmon street would pale into insignificance. Still, when great minds are brought to bear upon questions of the kind, difficulties which at first seem insuperable disperse like clouds, and when Government has the views of all the public bodies before it—the solution may appear like a flash of lightning.

KNIGHTHOODS FOR BOMBAY JUDGES.

THE question of conferring honours on Judges of the High Court during their periods of service has, we see, been once more mooted, and the *Pioneer* hears from a trustworthy source at home that the old rule is now to be reverted to of knighting Judges only on retirement after long and meritorious services. Our contemporary alludes vaguely to invidious distinctions having been in this matter drawn between the courts of different provinces; but if any such exist elsewhere, our province would seem to be all along dealt with according to the old rule, and that, too, very niggardly. The Judges of the Bombay High Court have never, even in a single instance, since the establishment of the Court in 1862, been knighted by the Government during their term of office. And amongst Judges we include both Civilian and Barrister Judges. Of course we do not refer to the Chief Justices who are, as a matter of course, knighted on taking up their post. Our Judges have certainly not been over indulged by the authorities in this matter of decorations. Up till ten years ago no Judge was ever honoured with knighthood even on his retirement from the Bench. It is true that Mr. Justice Maxwell Melvill and Mr. Justice Raymond West became knights; but they owe that honour much more to their having got into the Executive Council than to their having sat on the Bench of the High Court. If they had retired straight from the latter they would never have got this honour. Another Judge of our Court became a knight, Sir John Scott who was in our midst in the eighties. But the honour which came to him long after his retirement from the Bench here was owing to his distinguished service in Egypt, as, indeed, the Order in which he became a knight, that of St. Michael and St. George, sufficiently well indicates. Mr. Justice Jardine was our first Civilian Judge to be knighted, when he retired from the Bench in 1897. Even in the case of Sir John Jardine it is well known that the knighthood was conferred not so much on the retiring Judge as on the disappointed would-be Member of Council as a *solatium* for the failure of his ambition. Sir Edward Candy is the only other instance of a Bombay Civilian Judge being knighted on his retirement from the Bench; and in his case, too, this honour may be considered as some reparation for being passed over for the Membership of Council on two successive occasions by Sir Charles Ollivant who was three years his junior in the service and by Sir Edmund Fulton who was three years his junior. However, some Judges who have but recently retired from the Bench—Mr. Crowe, Mr. Aston, Mr. Batty—have not had even this *solatium* for being passed over by Mr. Muir Mackenzie and Sir Steyning Edgerley, who are many years their juniors. Of the Barrister Judges only one, Mr. Justice Bayley, has ever been knighted; and in the case of Sir Lyttleton, too, the knighthood was conferred at the end of his long and honourable career on the Bench, towards the close of 1895, to console him for being passed over for the Chief Justiceship by a much younger man.

Thus, whatever may be the case in other provinces, our Judges have not been spoiled by receiving too many favours from Government. This speaks much for their independence, as they may be said to have pursued their high course regardless of the soft blandishments of honours *in esse* or *in posse*. But this fact does not speak equally highly of the appreciative capacity of our Indian Government. During the forty-five years' existence of our High Court, some scores of Judges, both Barrister and Civilian, have sat on its Bench; but of all these worthy men, the Government has found only three persons fit to be honoured with a knighthood. In early days honours, and especially that of knighthood, were very sparingly bestowed, and this may account for there being so very few Judges among the recipients up to, say, twenty years ago. But of late, knighthoods have fallen rather thick from the Olympus of Simla. But the Bombay Judges have been like the fleece of Gideon, dry when all around is wet, wet with the dew of recognition from the gods above. The *Pioneer* speaks of invidious distinctions; and we have a notion that Madras, usually the benighted Presidency, is much favoured in this matter of judicial knighthoods. We do not envy her this; but only wish the proper authorities may not forget Bombay, as they have forgotten it in the past, when its efficient and distinguished Judges retire. We quite approve of the old rule,—if ever there has been such a rule,—of honouring Judges only on their retirement; when they may have thoroughly earned and deserved their honours. Madras was lucky in not only getting knighthoods for some of its sitting Judges but also for its Advocate-General. Sir Subramanya Aiyar and Sir Bashyam Aiyengar no doubt deserve their knighthoods richly; they are among the most learned lawyers and distinguished citizens of the South of India. But we should have liked the late Mr. Justice Ranade and Mr. Justice Badruddin similarly honoured with knighthood during their lifetime. No men were better respected not only among their own communities but by all communities, both European and native; while as Judges and lawyers they were eminently successful and distinguished. If the authorities honoured worth on the Bench of the High Court in the South, there is no reason why it should not have honoured worth, equally high, on the Bench of our High Court in the West of India. Herein lies a really invidious distinction, for which there is good reason to grumble. But a reversion to the old rule will not, we are afraid, mend matters much. We shall not be surprised if there is again a lapse.

RUBBER IN MALAYA.

DESPITE all that is heard of attempts to grow rubber in Ceylon and in parts of India, Asia contributes only three per cent. of the world's total rubber supply against sixty-three per cent. from tropical America, and thirty-four per cent. from tropical Africa. The small output from Asia includes products of the Federated Malay States, Ceylon, Southern India, and British North Borneo. These invariably fetch the best prices in the home market and British grown rubber is steadily asserting its claims to priority with the consumer at home. An area of special interest at present is Malaya which is being anxiously looked at with a view to ascertaining its value, for the trees are only now maturing and have scarcely yet begun to yield. At the end of 1905 there were about 40,000 acres planted with rubber, and by the close of the year following this had increased to more than 85,000 acres, with between six and seven million trees. In January last year there were nearly 86,000 acres, half of which had been opened during 1906 on 242 different estates. The output of dry rubber was about 130 tons in 1905 and 385 tons in 1906. The reason that, while the average has more than doubled, the number of trees has not proportionately increased is that the number of trees planted per acre during 1906 was not so great as previously. With the present yearly increase of about 10 per cent. in the consumption of rubber—a rate which is likely to be exceeded as soon as prices become easier—it must be many years before the supply can become equal to the demand. If the whole of the rubber now planted in these States should grow vigorously, without the loss of a single tree, until the end of 1912 (when all the trees ought to be in bearing and yielding throughout the high average of 1 1/2 lbs. per tree), the Federated Malay States will then be supplying only about one-seventeenth of the world's estimated requirements at that date. This figure—which, by the way, is given by Mr. J. B. Carruthers, the Director of Agriculture and Government Botanist of the Federated Malay States—is calculated at the present 10 per cent. rate of increase in consumption, and makes no allowance for a probable higher rate. But meanwhile casualties amongst the trees must occur, for drought, excessive moisture, insect, fungoid, and bacterial pests, with other accidental causes, such as sudden winds and fire, have all to be taken into account in reducing output. The most complete details have been collected from the plantations already in fruitful existence. The average yield per tree in the Malay States is just over one pound of dry rubber per annum, but in the older trees this is far exceeded. On the Consolidated Malay Rubber Estates, where 32,693 lbs. of rubber was harvested from 11,348 trees, the average was 2·88 lbs. per tree. In the case of the Highlands and Lowlands Estate an average over 38,639 trees of nearly 2 1/2 lbs. per tree is reported, while a yield of over 7 lbs. per tree was obtained from 807 trees widely planted to occupy 16 acres. The result of three tappings of these 807 trees was: First tapping, 2,500 lbs.; second 1,469; and third tapping, 1,773 lbs., a total of 5,742 lbs. But such results must be regarded as quite exceptional; although the returns indicate the immense superiority in the growth and yield of trees which are given plenty of space. The extension of rubber planting in 1906 was widespread and especially noticeable in Lower Perak which has now become a popular area. Selangor has about forty-five thousand acres under rubber, Perak about thirty thousand and Negri Sembilan about eleven thousand. At present about thirty-nine thousand coolies are employed, but when all the trees are bearing, say in about five years time, quite fifty thousand coolies will be required for tapping operations apart from opening, planting, weeding and other work. The labour question therefore is of paramount importance and this fact is now receiving due attention from Government.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. "Marmora," with the outward mails of the 17th instant, left Aden at 1 a.m. on Monday and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 9 a.m. on Friday next.

THE P and O. s.s. "Arcadia" left Hongkong on January 25.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s. "Vindobona," from Trieste, left Aden for Karachi on the evening of the 25th instant.

THE Messageries Maritimes Co's. s.s. "Caledonien" left Aden for Bombay on the 25th instant and is expected here on the 30th instant at 6 p.m.

THE goods traffic on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for the week ending 4th January 1908 shows a decrease on the corresponding week of 1907 of 1,119,387 maunds and Rs. 38,902 in the earnings.

THE Florio and Rubattino Company's s. s. "Dco. Balduino," from Genoa, left Suez for Bombay on the 25th instant, and the s. s. "Capri" left Penang for Bombay on the 26th instant.

WE understand, says the "Sind Gazette," that manganese has been found about 70 miles from Karachi in the Las Beyla State. A small quantity of the ore has already been shipped home to ascertain the real market value, and a syndicate has been formed to work the mining concession that has been obtained from the Jam Sahib through the good offices of the Political Department. A light railway or tram line will possibly be laid from the foot of the Pubb Hills to the seaboard for conveyance of the ore to, and its shipment from, Karachi to the Home and Continental markets. The concession is likely to prove a valuable one.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

WRESTLING POPULAR.

France and the Olympic Games.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JANUARY 10.

Continental wrestlers and their managers have earned a lot of good British money during late years and the catch-as-catch-can and Graeco-Roman artists are still wonderful drawing cards. When one settles down to think over this, it seems strange that Home sportsmen should so enthuse over visitors while our own cracks attract little notice. At the moment we have no British wrestler with any pretentions to take on the best of the invaders at their own game and it is not very pleasing to find Russian, German, Swiss, Turkish, French and other visiting wrestlers offering various sums of money to any Britisher who can stand up to them for fifteen minutes or so. Much of the wrestling one sees at the Music Halls is, of course, merely exhibition and not a bout for keeps. Still, the public shows an appreciation and will no doubt still further support a really genuine match or matches. We shall soon be able to see some of the latter, for Mr. A. F. Beltinson, the manager of the National Sporting Club, is at the head of a movement to hold a tournament in London towards the end of January, wherein the best men of the world will have a chance of taking part in contests at various weights. The project is a good one and deserves support, for the methods of some of the wrestlers or their managers take some digesting.

A SUGGESTION.

Now the promoters of the tournament have an opportunity of doing something to regain British wrestlers some prestige, and it is to be hoped they will avail themselves of it. If a couple of competitions in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style are held it is possible a Home crack may score, and this will partly atone for some bitter pills in other directions. Many of us can remember the interest taken in the Cumberland and Westmoreland wrestling and athletic tournaments at Lillie Bridge, on Good Fridays, and there is no reason why Londoners should not support this style again. Of course it is sooner over than the Graeco-Roman and catch-as-catch-can styles, but on the other hand it has special charms. It appeals to the ordinary man because it savours of a natural struggle between two rivals who meet and struggle to throw each other to the ground. That the public would soon get to enjoy Cumberland and Westmoreland wrestling, if it were exploited like the other styles, is almost certain. At present they flock to see Continental stars perform and do not have the chance to support Britishers in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style. In this we have a parallel with the support of Grand Opera which thousands attend because it is fashionable, though the really musical portion of the public infinitely prefer their opera in a tongue they can understand.

WANTED PATRIOTS.

In connection with this matter, we want some enterprising patriot to get together a troup of Cumberland and Westmoreland cracks and tour England and the Continent, offering to take on all-comers just as the foreign artists do. It may be urged that the style would not catch on across the Channel, but if foreign wrestlers can draw in London why should not a troup if English wrestlers do ditto in Paris and Berlin. Apart from this, it would be consoling if a Britisher were able to stand on a Paris or Berlin music-hall stage and offer to take on anyone his weight—or even above it. There is probably money in the idea and even if there were not, it would be a patriotic venture to try and discover a Britisher able to hold his own at one form of wrestling.

BOXING.

During the week articles have been signed for a twenty rounds contest between Tommy Burns and Jem Roche and, providing the former's match with Jack Palmer on February 10th ends as most of us think it will, we shall then see the Canadian try conclusions with Roche in the Irish capital on St. Patrick's Day. Considering the reputation of Tommy Burns and the easy win he gained over Gunner Moir, it must be confessed that it makes one wonder to see two men so eager to try conclusions with him. Perhaps, however, it would be more correct to say that the surprise is that any one can find backing against him. The Canadian certainly knows how to look after his own interest and in drawing up the articles he insisted that the stakes and purse shall be handed to the referee before the bout commences. This sort of thing would not have paid once on a time and one can quite imagine that had it been done at the Jake Kilrane v. Jim Smith fight in France, most of the onlookers would have been more interested in trying to lighten the referee's burden than in the fight itself. As Burns put it "he is out for the stuff" and he, no doubt, judges our boxing promoters from those he has met on the other side of the Atlantic. That our boxers do not feel it necessary to stipulate for such conditions is a matter for satisfaction.

FRANCE AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

France won more points at the last Olympic Games than any other nation, so that it is very unfortunate matters are not going as well as they might regarding the 1908 festival. This may result in France being poorly represented at Shepherds Bush next summer and the talked of boycott has led to much misunderstanding. It is nothing to do with the English authorities, as France, like other nations, elected an Olympic Games Committee through which body the French entries to the Games must be made. Various French sporting bodies, however, are not satisfied with the National Committee and want to deal direct with the English Olympic Committee, which of course cannot be. It is a great pity, but the simple fact is that many interested in the Olympic movement are not representative of national sports. This is so in France as also in England, though matters are more satisfactory here this time than in 1906. It will perhaps be remembered that there were several strong public protests about the manner the interests of the British competitos at Athens were neglected, and one of the gentlemen who should have made this his aim, was more energetic in advertising himself and furthering his business than in aiding the cause of the British athletes. Our trouble this time was mainly because Scotland and Ireland wanted to "stand on their own, so to speak," and objected to being merged into a British team. This, however, was because the Scottish and Irish authorities were not (at first) adequately represented on the British Olympic Committee. There should be no question of jealousy over the matter and the British Olympic team ought to be composed of the pick of the Empire. Unfortunately this will not be so and our forces are likely to be divided to some extent.

OLD AGE AND SPORTS.

The late Charles Absolon, who died a few days ago, was a wonderful example of an athlete who retained great vigour to an advanced age. He was born in 1817 and was therefore in his 91st year, yet he was hale and hearty enough to keep up his cricket until he was 80. Between the age of 50 and 80 he took 8,100 wickets and scored 24,000 runs in Club cricket and in his last season secured 100 wickets. One of his best performances was in capturing the wickets of W. G. Grace, W. R. Gilbert and H Charlwood for 6 runs in a match, in which the three cracks named opposed a team of twelve, the latter being restricted to front of the wicket hitting. The wonderful vitality of Charles Absolon is another illustration of the benefits of athletes of all denominations keeping up exercise and not giving up when they are past their prime.

"King Death" has also just claimed another celebrity in the world of sport, this being Ed. Hanlan of Toronto, who when at the height of his fame was perhaps the best sculler who ever sat in a boat. His triumphs in Canada, the States and England were many and the sensation he created when beating Trickett, Laycock and Boyd in this country in the early eighties is still well remembered. He so outclassed his rivals, that he would sometimes cease sculling, dip his hands in the water and wet his forehead and then resume. He finally met his "Waterloo" at the hands of W. Beach, a native of Surrey (England) who beat him three times in Australia, this being in 1884-85 and '87. It is only fair to add that Hanlan had then gone off, as he never properly regained his best form following an attack of typhoid.

FOOTBALL.

Considering the great popularity of football it is somewhat remarkable that this is one branch of sport, at which representative British and American teams do not meet. This, however, is likely to be remedied before long, for both Association and Rugby football is now being played across the Atlantic, particularly the former. The visits of English teams have done great good in popularising "Soccer" and the matches between teams from the big Cunard and White Star lines have also given New Yorkers a taste for the dribbling game. Since the Pilgrims football team last visited America there has been a big increase in the number of Clubs playing Association and various League competitions are now quite the order. It is possible that another English team will visit Canada and the United States in the new future. Mr. A. W. Parker (who engineered two Corinthian tours in South Africa) is now trying to arrange for a Civil Service team to tour and, should it come off, the "Soccer" game will receive a further fillip there.

BRAVO CHELSEA.

The talk of the football world just now is anent the fine performances of the Chelsea team. This young club gained a foothold in the First Division last April, and during the first three months of this season it looked as though the stay of the new comers would be short. A draw against Aston Villa and a win by 3 goals to 0 against Sheffield United when visiting these teams, has, however, completely altered the look of things. If the Stamford Bridge team can keep up this form there will be no question about retaining a place in the First Division, and the Club may also come out best among the Southern representatives, as neither Bristol City nor Woolwich Arsenal now leads the Chelsea team very much. That Manchester United will win the championship is now considered certain and the question as to which will be second and which two teams will be retired into the Second Division, is the one that interests footballers most.

A CLOSE STRUGGLE.

We are having a capital struggle for the leadership of the Second Division, Derby County, Bradford City and Oldham Athletic now being level with 30 points for 21 games. The last named easily beat Stoke (3—1) on Saturday, but Derby could only draw at Fulham while Bradford did likewise at Chesterfield. The Scottish League Championship is also providing a keen fight, with three teams particularly prominent, Celtic having gradually crept up and is now right in the running. Dundee only gained one point on entertaining Hearts of Midlothian on Saturday while Falkirk and Celtic were (like four other teams) idle through the wintry weather. This leaves Falkirk at the head of affairs, with 37 points for 22 games, Dundee claiming 36 for 24 and Celtic 33 for 20.

RUGBY.

There is little to write under this head as Rugby men have been compelled to take a rest through the severe weather. The New Zealanders, however, have managed to fulfil a couple of engagements, they beating Hull Kingston Rovers on Saturday by 6 points to 3 and going down before Cumberland on Wednesday by 21 points to 9. Another mid-week fixture was the Rugby Union County Championship match between Surrey and the East Midlands, in which the latter proved victorious by 6 points to 0.

THE TURF.

The touch of winter we have experienced lately has upset racing, though no one anticipates many more fixtures will have to be abandoned. Followers of Turf matters were sorry to learn of the death of Pietermaritzburg, as the son of St. Simon by Sea Air would no doubt have made his mark at the Stud in the Argentine and justified the payment of £15,000 for him. As a racer his greatest triumph was when he easily beat Epsom Lad, Diamond Jubilee and other cracks in the Jockey Club Stakes of 10,000 sovs. in 1901, when he was a three-year-old, the two behind him being a year older.

We often have examples of flat race failures turning out cracks over hurdles, which shows that horses, like athletes, may be influenced by their liking for a certain form of competition. Bonar ran twice under Jokey Club Rules without distinguishing itself but has since won six times out of ten outings over obstacles. Another example is Kolo a very promising hurdler. Eight attempts on the flat were all failures but he has won twice out of three times over hurdles. Benthon also had eleven outings on the flat, without gaining a place, but has now won under National Hunt Rules. Other examples might be given and if only we had more valuable races and they were run during the summer months, as in France, we might then see owners keener on giving flat-racers a trial "over the sticks."

GOLF.

The recent match between Arnaud Massey of France (who holds both the French and English open championships) and J. Braid has wetted the appetite of sportsmen and they are eager to see more of the brilliant La Boulie player. The first opportunity will be on April 2nd, when he and H. Vardon will contest a 36 holes match on Cinque Ports Club's course at Deale. Following this, Massey will give Braid his revenge and the pair will meet at Warwick on May 21st in another 36 holes match.

CRICKET.

The second Test Match at Melbourne seems to have been a long drawn out affair and little bright cricket was seen during the six days it lasted. It was certainly a very even struggle and the fortunes of the game favoured both sides in turn. England's lead of 382 to 266 in the first innings was soon wiped off by Trumper and Noble, and Australia got on terms with all ten wickets in hand. Once again, however, the Englishmen seemed to be getting the best of matters and though the Australians finally made 397 in their second venture, the visitors looked to have a capital chance, with but 282 runs required for victory and the wicket good. With only 123 wanted and six wickets in hand commencing the sixth day's play the Englishmen looked to be fairly safe, but again fortune veered round and when the eighth wicket fell 73 runs was still necessary. Barnes and Humphreys made the score 243 before the latter was out, so that when Fielder came in last, no fewer than 39 runs were still required. The pair of fast bowlers rose to the occasion and their plucky stand, which gave England the victory by one wicket, will live in cricket history. Barnes was the hero of the match, for besides carrying out his bat for 38, he secured 5 Australian wickets for 72 runs in the second innings.

A GOOD START.

The news from Adelaide to-day shows that our men have made a satisfactory start in the Third Test Match. The Australians are experiencing bad luck, as Cotter was unable to play, while Trumper is reported to have being attacked with influenza at the end of the day. This may mean that he will not be able to bat in the second innings. All this must make the Colonials anxious, for 279 runs for 9 wickets is only very moderate. The batting honours to-day went to Macartney (75), and other new comers in Ransford (44) and Hartigan (45) also did well. If the weather remain fine our men ought to easily pass the Australians' total on the fast and true Adelaide pitch to-morrow.

KARACHI MUNICIPAL FINANCE.

The Municipal Budget estimate for 1908-09 shows that the financial position of the Corporation is again this year better than had been estimated, by Rs. 61,824. This satisfactory state of affairs, says the "SindGazette," is partly due to an actual increase of revenue but also to the extreme care to keep well within the limits of probable income, that is exercised in preparing the estimates. While congratulating the Municipality on the expansion in its revenue, the hope must be expressed that attention will be paid to the note of warning sounded in the estimate for the coming year that the income still needs to be carefully husbanded, that notwithstanding the increase shown it is not sufficient to meet the fast increasing wants of the town, and that if those wants are to be supplied no further increase in the permanent recurrent charges must be incurred for some time to come. Among the more important details of the Budget Estimate we note that the grand total of income is put at Rs. 7,94,966, and the expenditure at Rs. 7,20,378. The figure Rs. 3,50,000 has again been taken as the estimated net octroi revenue. In estimating octroi revenue it is very important to keep well within the income that may be derived owing to the uncertainty of this source of revenue. Last year, for instance, the net octroi income on one item alone, food grains, was Rs. 70,000 above the average. The net result of an analysis of the figures for the last five years shows that the expansion of ordinary income cannot be safely taken at more than Rs. 6,500 per annum. The conclusion to be drawn, therefore, is that while the present position is satisfactory great watchfulness is required, on the part of those responsible, to prevent any wasteful expenditure and to ensure that the wants of the town shall be dealt with in the order of their urgency.

MR. A. L. HETHERINGTON, Assistant Director of Public Instruction, Burma, now on leave in England, has resigned his appointment, and it is understood that he has been selected as an Inspector of Schools in England.

INDIANS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

RECONSIDERING REGISTRATION.

Prosecutions to Cease Temporarily.

EXTENT OF THE TROUBLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 26.

The leader of the Transvaal Indians has issued a Statement that 200 British Indians are in gaol, 120 are under notice to leave the Colony, and 20 have been warned to appear before the Magistrate.

Three Chinese are in gaol and 38 under notice to leave the country. Probably all will be in gaol by the 3rd of February.

Many more arrests are expected to be made.

The towns affected are—Johannesburg, Pretoria, Pietersburg, Heidelberg, Vereeniging, Krugersdorp, Roodepoort, Barberton, Gerwiston and Potchefstroom, and those concerned include all the officials of the British Indian Association, the Hamidia Islamic Society, and the Chinese Association, Hindus, Mahomedans, Parsees, Christians, a barrister, merchants, traders, hawkers, agents, clerks, interpreters, Government officials and a Colonial, born and married in South Africa, whose children were born there.

The minimum assets of those arrested, which are imperilled in Johannesburg alone, total £150,000. Some of the merchants arrested are of twenty years standing. Others who have been placed in gaol include youths of tender years, two old soldiers bearing medals for several campaigns, and also leaders of the Ambulance Corps in the Boer War and the Stretcher Crops in the Natal rebellion.

Many merchants, says the Statement, who cheerfully lost heavily during the war on behalf of the Indian population, have preferred to leave the Transvaal, than to register under the Act.

Hundreds of Railway, Municipal and Government employes have been discharged for non-registration.

The Indians, concludes the Statement, are determined to continue the struggle to the bitter end.

LONDON, JANUARY 27.

A message to the "Daily Telegraph" from Johannesburg, states that the Transvaal Government realizing the seriousness of the situation has decided to reconsider its whole attitude towards Asiatics, and will appoint a Supreme Court Judge to examine the objections to the Registration Act, and to devise a system which will not offend the susceptibilities of Asiatics.

The necessary amendments, the correspondent states, will be made next Session. The Act, in the meanwhile, will remain in abeyance and the prosecutions will cease.

TURKEY AND PERSIA.

Turks Occupy Sujbulak.

PRINCE FIRMA RETIRES.

LONDON, JANUARY 27.

A Russian telegram from Tabriz states that Prince Firman Firma has been compelled to evacuate Sujbulak without resistance. The Turks under Ferid Pasha, entered the place with flags flying.

PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS.

Tampering with the Army.

LONDON, JANUARY 26.

The revolutionary plotters at Lisbon made an unsuccessful attempt to spread disaffection among the troops. Quantities of weapons have been seized. The troops are confined to Barracks.

The house of Senhor Franco, the Premier, is guarded, owing to fear of an outrage.

PIRACY IN THE CHINA SEAS.

Further Outbreak near Kashing.

LONDON, JANUARY 27.

Reuter wires from Shanghai that pirates have attacked three launches, near Kashing, killing and wounding thirteen Chinese.

The launch traffic between Shanghai and Langchow is paralyzed.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

The French Repulse Tribal Attacks.

LONDON, JANUARY 26.

Three tribes attacked a French Force, North of Casablanca. They were repulsed after a fight lasting for four hours.

The French had six wounded.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, JANUARY 27.

The death is announced of the Russian chess-player Tchigorin.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

ADEN, JANUARY 27.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. "Marmora" with the English Mails of the 17th instant left here for Bombay at 1 a.m. to-day.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Paris "Gaulois" has brought back from Klondyke a notice affixed to the walls of his room in a Dawson City hotel, in which among the following is to be found :—"Travellers are respectfully urged to take certain precautions on such occasions as they find it necessary to exchange revolver shots in the "salle a manger." A random shot may injure a servant or some guest of the establishment who is a stranger to the discussion."

A STRAITS contemporary says that the Japanese "talent for imitation and counterfeiting" has led to their flooding the Far Eastern markets with spurious European products. Tonkin in particular has become an outlet for counterfeit preserved articles of food. The other day a Chinese store-keeper at Haiphong offered for sale a quantity of marmalade bearing the marks of the well-known firm of Crosse and Blackwell. It proved to be a Japanese counterfeit closely resembling the original.

INDIAN TELEGRAPHISTS.

Support the General Secretary

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JANUARY 27.

The local Press published several telegrams and notably the "Rangoon Times" received from branches of the New Telegraph Union at Jubbulpore, Karachi, Madras, Bombay and Lahore protesting against the Departmental action contemplated against the General Secretary on the ground that it is a breach of good faith and an open violation of the promises.

At Jubulpore the Telegraphists decided unanimously to join the Union and Defence Fund and to support the General Secretary and disapproved of the introduction of the new system of duties and expressed regret at the rumoured action that superior officers were trying to ascertain names of subordinates joining the Union with a view to bringing official pressure to bear. The meeting disabused the impression made on Government of India by the Department that only fifteen per cent. of the staff were discontented, whereas dissatisfaction was universal.

At Karachi a representative meeting was also held at which it was unanimously resolved to support the Rangoon delegates in protesting against the action of the Director in singling out and harassing the General Secretary or any member of the staff for obtaing a hearing of the grievances in a legitimate manner. After the assurances of the Director of Traffic to a man the members joined the Defence Fund. A similar meeting was held at Madras where the following resolution was adopted—"nemine contradicente :—"We tender our heartfelt thanks for the untiring manner in which the "Rangoon Times" has undertaken our cause.

The local branch of the Bombay Union unanimously agreed that "The Bombay staff are surprised at the action taken against the General Secretary and will adopt necessary steps on receipt of details, The General Secretary and Rangoon Delegates can absolutely rely upon the fullest support of Bombay which will never fail."

At Lahore it was resolved without dissent to support the Secretary and leaders at any price.

FACTORY COMMISSION.

Sittings in Calcutta.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 27.

Among the many witnesses examined before the Factory Commission to-day the evidence of the Hon. Mr. Streatfield, who voiced the Government of Bengal, was the most important. He emphasized the undesirability of undue interference with factory labour in this country and emphatically asserted the opinion of the Government that any legislation which was proposed should be of a tentative and permissive character except in regard to matters where practice and not mere theory had shown legislative interference to be called for. He did not think it advisable to centralise Factory Administration throughout India, at any rate without more discussion than the question had so far received. Local Governments though Chambers of Commerce, were in much closer touch with Agents and Managers of factories than the Government of India, which rendered it undesirable to do away with the control of Local Governments. He had a good deal to say on the efficient wooking of factories. He considered two whole time officers, fully qualified, would be necessary for Bengal alone to inspect factories. There officers should be of the standing of Deputy Sanitary Commissioners and be officers of the I.M.S. They should not take up private practice.

Regarding the working hours he thought night work should be prohibited and the creation of a special class of young persons under 14 years was undesirable and impracticable. No deterioration in physique of persons under 14 years had been detected so far. Children under nine years should not be employed in mines. The formation of factory schools should be insisted upon.

Other witnesses examined were Mr. H. T. Forrest, Magistrate of Howrah, Major Hayward, Police Surgeon, Col., Drury, Civil Surgeon of Howrah, and Mr. C. D. Walsh, Special Inspector of Factories. The evidence of these witnesses was in the main directed to the limit of working hours, physical deterioration of operatives, uniformity of a administration, etc. They held the same views as Mr. Streatfield. The Commission will meet again to-morrow.

DEATH OF THREE OLD RESIDENTS OF RANGOON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JANUARY 27.

Three long residents of Rangoon have died within the last two days. The first was Mr. Walsh, formerly Sergeant Major of the Rangoon Volunteer Rifles who was buried with Military honours on Saturday evening. The deceased formerly served in the 21st Lancers and was very poplar there.

The second was Mr. F. C. Fabricius, of Messrs Fabricius & Co., the pioneer firm in the hide trade who died in the General Hospital last night from heart failure.

The third was the well known citizen, Mr. Gunnoomuthu Stephen, formerly Cashier of the Bengal Bank and Honorary Magistrate and Municipal Commissioner. After severing his connection with the Bank the deceased possessed great influence over the Chetty or money-lending community and was recently decorated with the A.K.I.H. by the Burma Government.

THE INVESTITURE AT CALCUTTA

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 27.

Sir Lancelot Hare arrived here to-day for the Investiture. The Viceroy receives a visit to-morrow morning from the Raja of Rajgharh and Vaharao of Kotah and returns them in afternoon.

Mr Rayley leaves for Secunderabad this evening.

Mr. Gokhale asks a question at next Friday's meeting of the Viceroy's Legislative Council on the subject of treatment of Indians in Transvaal.

SIR ARCHIBALD HUNTER IN BURMA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JANUARY 27.

Sir Archibald Hunter, Commaning the Southern Division, arrived in Rangoon from Madras to-day on a tour of inspection of the riverine Forts and Garrisons of Burma. Upon arriving at the Hastings Bar by the Madras Mail this distinguished Officer boarded a Government steam launch with his staff and watched the manœuvres carried out by the Regular Troops and Volunteers.

A CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JANUARY 27.

Before the next Criminal Sessions on the Original Criminal Side of the Chief Court an interesting matrimonial prosecution is to be heard. The accused is a young man, named T. Thomson who is charged with bigamy and deceit, for he married the daughter of a Missionary at Hsipaw, named Miss Clarke, while his first wife a Burmese woman was alive. His defence has been reserved.

THE sensible suggestion is made in the "Indian Forester" that opportunities should be provided for Forest Officers to meet in conference at regular intervals. Such an arrangement would be very helpful in the important work carried on by this Department, for those who work in common at any task are all the better equipped by having means to compare notes and consider each other's experience and suggestions. Forest Officers by the nature of their employment lead particularly isolated lives, and the problems with which they have to deal are just those which could be most readily solved by mutual help and counsel. At present, the "Indian Forester" points out, each man has to solve his difficulties to the best of his individual ability, and doubtless many solutions are arrived at and many facts ascertained of which the Department in general never hears.

HOME POLITICS.

Lincensing and Education Bills.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 27.

The following is from a London cable of yesterday's date to the "Englishman :" "The forthcoming session casts an ominous shadow. Mr. Asquith pledges himself to Old Age Pensions while there are also a Licensing Bill of dishonest construction and an Education Bill refusing justice to Passive Resisters.

SIR ANDREW RASER'S SUCCESSOR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 27.

It is stated that nothing is known in official circles in Calcutta of any decision regarding the filling up of the Bengal Lieutenant Governorship in succession to Sir Andrew Fraser who, it will be remembered, is not due to retire until next November. The "Indian Daily News" however, believes it is correct in saying that it is now settled that Mr. Baker will succeed Sir Andrew Fraser at the end of the year.

ANOTHER FRONTIER RAID.

Attack on a Railway Station.

COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY APPOINTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 27.

The Kacha Ghari Railway station on the Peshawar Jumrud line was attacked last Friday night by a gang of tribesmen who broke open the entrance and wounded two of the station staff who opposed them. A cry was then raised that the Khyber Rifles were surrounding the place and they bolted apparently without securing any property of importance.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JANUARY 27.

The Government of India have sanctioned the formation of a Committee to report on the Border Military Police in the North West Frontier Province. The Committee will consist of three Officers, namely—Colonel E. W. S. K. Maconchy D. S. O. as President, Lieut.-Colonel W. C. Barratt D. S. O., Inspection Officer, Frontier Corps, and Major D. B. Blakeway, Deputy Commissioner, Bannu, as Civil representative of the North West Frontier Province administration. The Committee will start work in February next on Colonel Maconchy's arrival in India.

INTERESTING WEDDING AT KAPURTHALA.

The Raja Married to a Spanish Senorito.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JANUARY 27.

An interesting ceremony took place at Kapurthala when the Raja was married to Senorito Anita Delgado of Malaga, Spain. The wedding took place at Villa Buona Vista and the rites were celebrated according to the orthodox Sikh ritual in the presence of all the highest State officials and others. Punctual to the appointed time the bride appeared hand in hand with the Raja, and together they walked to the beautiful shamiana which had been erected for the occasion. The State Band played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," after which the ceremony commenced and of which the happy pair received the congratulations of all those present. The young bride, who is of the most refined type of beauty, looked wholly charming in a pale green sari, heavily bordered with gold and the jewels she wore were remarkable for their splendour. The scene was a most picturesque one owing to the magnificent costumes worn by the officials.

SIR LOUIS DANE.

Arrival to be Private in Lahore.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JANUARY 27.

In view of the sad circumstances connected with the depature of Sir Denzil Ibbetson the arrival of Sir Louis Dane at Lahore will be private.

RAILWAY CONFERENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JANUARY 27.

Captain Kancaia, Agent and Mr. Huddleston, Traffic Manager, Burma Railways Company, Limited, have proceeded to Calcutta the attend the Railway Conference.

THE "SANDYA" OFFICE SEARCHED POLICE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 27.

The "Sandya" office here was searched by the Detective Police to-day and a large quantity of papers were taken possession of the paper, in consequence not appearing this evening.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Another Matinee will be given at Harmston's Circus to-morrow afternoon while the evening performance will be the last of the present programme. On Thursday night several new attractions are promised. Good houses are attracted nightly and the Frantz Troupe and the Pattersons lead an excellent bill.

CAPTAIN W. A. LEGGETT, in command of the s.s. "Arracan," has reported at the Shipping Office in Rangoon the disappearance in the Red Sea of his Chief Engineer, Mr. Thomas Whitelaw, while the vessel was in lat. 10 degrees, 67 minutes N long. and 38 degrees, 56 minutes E. The Captain, directly he heard of the disappearance, instantly ordered a search party to search the ship thoroughly but Mr. Whitelaw could not be found. Mr. Whitelaw was 31 years age and was a native of Greenock.

THE death of Captain Paget John Bourke, of the Royal Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, which took place on Jan. 6 at 7 St. Edmund's Terrace, Regent's Park, removes another name from the now narrowing list of surviving officers from the early Punjab campaigns. Capt. Bourke, whose regiment was the 11th Foot (Devonshire Regt.), was present in the advance against Mooltan in 1848-49. In the Kaffir war of 1850-53 he commanded several successful patrols in the Orange River, South Africa. He was appointed to the Body Guard in 1864. He was eighty-seven years of age.

IT has been decided to hold the first Sikh Educational Conference at Gujranwala during the Easter holidays. A Reception Committee, with Sirdar Balwant Singh, retired District Judge, as President, and Kunwar Prithipal Singh and Sirdar Dharm Singh, retired Executive Engineer, as Vice-Presidents, has been formed, and Sirdar Gulab Singh will act as Secretary. A Sub-Committee has been formed to frame a Constitution and a plan of work.

HARBOUR AND COASTAL TRAFFIC.

Abolition of Plague Inspection.

THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR.

PROTEST AGAINST HIGH RATES.

A PUBLIC meeting consisting of more than two thousand people was held under the auspicies of the Maratha Aikyechu Sabha in the Jain Dharmasthan at Chinchpoogly on Sunday last to thank H. E. the Governor-in-Council for discontinuing the medical inspection of passengers leaving Bombay by sea to the Konkan and other coast towns in the Bombay Presidency and to protest against the exorbitant rates at present charged by the Bombay Steam Navigation Co., Ld., Agents of which are Messrs. Killick, Nixon and Co., to passengers using their steamers. Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Kt., who presided on the occasion, was proposed to the chair by Dr. Wamonrao M. Kadam and seconded by Shet Tukaram Jaoji, J. P.

The first resolution ran as follows :—

"That this meeting convened under the auspices of the Maratha Aikyechu Sabha records that the prompt and generous response which H. E. the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to vouchsafe to the memorial of a public meeting held under the auspices of the Sabha on the question of the harbour inspection on account of plague has given the liveliest satisfaction to the public of Bombay, especially to those who have occasion to travel by the coasting steamers ; and tenders its most sincere and hearty thanks to H. E. the Governor for relieving the travelling public of an intolerable incubus which had long been a source of infinite worry and harrassment and which they had vainly endeavoured to shake off."

This resolution was proposed by Mr. K. R. Korgaokar, President of the Maratha Aikyechu Sabha, in the following speech :—

'It is the duty of every citizen to represent our grievances to Government and equally the duty of a citizen when our grievances are redressed to express our thanks to Government for the same. We have, therefore, all assembled here to tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks to H. E. the Governor for the kind and favourable consideration accorded to our recent memorial for discontinuing the medical inspection that took place in the Bombay harbour. About a month ago a memorial was adopted in this very hall protesting against the medical inspection. In that memorial were depicted the hardships and annoyance that were caused to passengers leaving Bombay to Konkan and other coast towns by sea, and other very cogent reasons were given why the obnoxious measure should be abolished. When the memorial was forwarded to Government we were sanguine that it would not meet the same fate as other previous memorials did, but we never dreamet for a moment that the memorial would receive such a prompt and generous response at the hands of Government. The reason of this is not far to seek. We have fortunately at the head of the Bombay Government a sympathetic Governor who has during his few months' administration convinced the public of Bombay that notwithstanding the high responsibilities of his office His Excellency has a warm corner in his heart for the sufferings of the people who are placed under his charge. By this generous act H. E. has placed the travelling public under a deep debt of gratitude, especially the ignorant and poor people working in mills and other factories, who have occasion to travel by coasting steamers. The discontinuance of the medical inspection has gladdened their hearts, and it is to give expression to their feelings of joy and gratitude that we have all met here. With these remarks I commend the resolution to your acceptance."

The resolution being duly seconded by Mr. Lakhamsey Napoo, Chairman of the Grain Merchant's Association, in a few appropriate remarks, and supported by Messrs. Parulkar and Lalji, it was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The second resolution, to communicate the above proposition under the signature of the Chairman of the meeting to H. E. the Governor-in-Council, was duly proposed by Mr. K. A. Keluskar, Secretary of the Maratha Aikyechu Sabha, and seconded by Mr. D. A Dalvi. It was put to the vote and passed unanimously.

The third resolution, was as follows :—"That this meeting consisting of the inhabitants of the Konkan and coast towns in the Bombay Presidency, held under the auspicies of the Maratha Aikyechu Sabha, requests the Bombay Steam Navigation Company, Limited, that the exorbitant rates at present charged to passengers using their steamers should be reduced and that better facilities should be provided to passengers for buying their tickets at the Carnac Bunder, as the present arrangements are very inconvenient and work great hardships upon them.

This resolution was proposed by Mr. S. K. Bole in a neat little speech pointing out the hardships and annoyance caused to passengers buying their tickets at the Carnac Bunder and the evil of high rates at present charged by the company, seconded and supported by Dr. Valunke and Mr. Lalaye respectively, was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The fourth resolution which authorised the chairman of the meeting to communicate the above proposition to Messrs. Killick, Nixon and Company, Agents of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company, Limited, was proposed by Mr. S. K. Kir and seconded by Mr. M. B. Sawant and passed unanimously.

Sir Balchandra then addressed the meeting as follows :—

Gentlemen,—On 22nd December last we met here to adopt a memorial praying Government to stop the practice of harbour inspection in Bombay on account of plague We all felt at the same time that we were leading forlorn hope. Our past experience had been one of continuous failure and disappointment. For ten years we had been continually knocking at the doors of Government for stopping a practice which was felt by all as a piece of gratuitous harassment. For the first two or three years of the plague the Government as well as the public were groping in the dark. All manner of restrictive measures were tried and patiently submitted to by the people. But experience showed the restric ive measures had no effect in checking, or preventing the spread of plague. Therefore most of the restrictive measures such as house to house visitation, segregation, quarantine and the like gradually ceased to be enforced. Inspection of passengers at Railway stations was stopped too. But inspection of passengers by sea kept its place in spite of its proved futility. Questions were put in the Bombay Legislative Council asking if the practice of harbour inspection would be stopped. Protests were made in the Public Press. Petitions were submitted to Government pointing out the inutility and the harassing character of the measure and asking that it might be stopped. But Government was reticent and immoveable. There was the bogey of the Venice Convention and Bombay had to suffer patiently for the obstinacy of some so-called experts in Europe. Therefore when we adopted the last memorial we little expected that it would meet with any better fate. But we have been agreeable undeceived. The previous suspense and continuous disappointment have heightened our gratification and our sense of thankfulness. Gentlemen, it signifies no little courage to break through a long record of official obstruction and to withstand the terrors of European intervention. We are therefore all the more thankful to His Excellency the Governor for his manly act in brushing aside the factitious terrors which had long paralysed his predecessors in office. The people's impatience and disgust at the proceedings of the inspection as carried on at the bunders were not based on any imaginary or sentimental grounds. The proceedings were a cause of genuine grievance. All persons, rich and poor, were subjected to personal indignity and hardship. The work of detention was often very arbitrary and unintelligible and the whole proceeding was often a source of great annoyance and mischief. We have now a prospect of breathing more freely and we feel that we owe the freedom to the kindness and forethought of His Excellency. Numbers of people who daily flock to the bunders and crowd the steamers feel grateful for the abolition of this obnoxious measure of inspection, which had long been hampering their movements. The Mahomedan community had submitted a petition on their own account and the present orders for stopping the inspection will be a cause of as much rejoicing to them as it is to us. We meet to-day to give expression to the feeling of gratitude and thankfulness which is widely entertained by our community, especially by those who have occasion to frequent the bunders.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman and Trustees of the Jain Dharmasthan for lending their hall, the proceedings terminated.

THE Anchor Line S. S. "Castalia" Homeward bound arrived at Marseilles on the 25th instant.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

BY

DHONDO PANT.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' MUSEUM.

DURING the past week the competitive design for the Prince of Wales' Museum, which is destined hereafter to rise upon the Crescent Site, have been on view in the Town Hall. The Museum Committee, to judge by the cards affixed to two or three of the designs, have made their choice ; and it merely rests now with the Bombay Government to confirm or reject their decision, which being done the work of construction can definitely proceed. On a cursory inspection of the designs, one must admit that the Committee have chosen very wisely, in spite of the fact that the particular design which recommended itself to their choice is not the design which their expert assessor advised them to accept. The latter is doubtless a fine piece of work, comparatively cheap to carry out, and designed to afford the maxima of space and light. And yet from its external appearance one might label it a monastery, a hostel for students, an adjunct to a cathedral—anything in fact but a museum. The more one looks at it, the more one feels that it would not suit the public taste and that it would evoke much adverse criticism. The chosen design on the other hand is eminently suitable in external appearance : it also allows all available space to be utilised and provides most necessary room for extensions in after years. The latter point is one which had often been overlooked in the past, to the detriment of the present generation. Thus one had a Government Secretariat, of fine proportions, and capable at the time of its erection of fulfilling all wants, but which is now rapidly becoming overstocked and inadequate to contain all the offices and establishment at headquarters. The General Post Office affords another example of a building which was designed without thought of future expansion, while everyone remembers the straits to which the Telegraph Department was reduced but a short time ago and how, with a view to relieve congestion, the Public Works Department evolved and erected that "dream in rippled metal" which now forms the background of the Queen's Statue.

Judging therefore by external appearance, by internal arrangements and by the opportunities which it allows for extension in the future, one must conclude that the Committee have done well to give their verdict in favour of Mr. Miller's design. Several of the other designs are well worth inspection, particularly that submitted by a European architect at Jaipur, which is chiefly remarkable for the Saracenic domes surmounting it ; the somewhat more austere production of a local Bombay architect and the ingenious design from England which combines the facade of a Western building with the conseave roof of a Burmese pagoda. There are two features of the chosen design which may require alteration when the work of construction is actually taken in hand. The first is the colonnade employed to form an inner courtyard, which might reasonably be dispensed with as spoiling the fine sweep of the garden up to the entrance of the central building and as adding an unnecessary item to the total cost ; and the second is the flat roof of the two wings, which in spite of most careful construction is likely to leak in such monsoons as are vouchsafed to this portion of the Presidency. But these are points which can safely be left to the care of the author of the design, who will presumably come out from England to superintend the erection of his building.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

The Corporation has at last settled its budget for the ensuing financial year and has plunged into the ordinary agenda of the month. Among the more interesting items at the last meeting was a proposal anent the Committees of the Corporation, designed to ensure that the surfeit of work by such Committees shall not be lost sight of and that Committees shall meet more regularly than they do at present. With the mass of work which in these days devolves upon the Corporation, and considering that, except on days when the Corporation or Standing Committee is sitting, it is very difficult for individual councillors to spare time for discussion of urban questions, it is not surprising that Committees have multiplied to an alarming extent and that a few of them have rarely, if at all, met to decide upon the questions referred to them. On the other hand, when a troublesome or unimportant question is brought before the Corporation, the appointment of a Committee to discuss and decide upon it in the first instance offers a subtle and withal pleasant method of shelving it ; and unless all the members are agreeable to tackling the subject in right earnest, the chances in favour of the matter dying a natural death are fairly strong. Another obstacle in the way of getting Committees to sit is the absurdly large number of members appointed to many of them ; and it is only natural that the multiplication of members should indirectly militate against early and regular meetings for the despatch of the business in hand. Probably in seven out of the ten cases which are now referred to Committees, it would suffice for all practical purposes if the latter were composed of five to eight members, chosen either for their knowledge of the question at issue or for their personal association with the area to which the question appertained. As it is, one hears of Committees composed of 12,16 and even twenty persons, some of whom, it may be feared, are the merest figure-heads, and sit silent at the board waiting to see "which way the cat will jump" and vote with the majority. According to the proposal which the Corporation wisely passed last Thursday, every Councillor will now be enabled to watch the monthly progress, or as the case may be the stagnation, of these Committees ; and if he himself be a member of one, he will be able with the assistance of two other members to get his Committee convened rather more speedily than would under existing circumstances be the case. The step so taken is decidedly salutary ; and one may look forward with more confidence to the time when the number of Committees and the congestion of work will be considerably reduced.

RETIREMENT AND RETURN.

It is open to question whether the system of revisiting India after retirement, which more than one Anglo-Indian official has of late years adopted, is wholly desirable. One can fully realize how empty life at home must seem to the ordinary official, who after spending the greater portion of his active life in India and holding in many cases a high position in this country, takes his pension while still a vigorous man and finds himself landed in surroundings in which his past experience is of no value and usually of no interest to the people he meets. One can well comprehend his desire to revisit the scenes of former exploits and old friendships : and if he return merely as a globe trotter and cold-weather visitor, no harm can be done. But any general adoption of the practice seems to one to embody elements of undesirability, for the very good reason that it is not every man who will be content to spend a pleasant holiday divested of all attempt to interfere even in the smallest degree with the current administration and current topics. To a certain number of retired officials,—perhaps the majority,—the dull backwater of a monthly meeting at the Society of Arts offers all the interest and excitement that they want : but there are others whom the opportunity of occasionally holding forth on Indian topics to their comrades in retirement does not satisfy and who are urged by sentiment or some other potent inducement to revisit India. One cannot help feeling that return to India should be as far as possible discountenanced, and in fact that, except for the very strongest personal or public reasons, such as appointment to a roving Commission for example, no retired official of any branch of the public service should be allowed to come back to these shores after he has once accepted his pension and bidden adieu to India. Such a scene as that which occurred quite recently in a Bombay police-court can hardly be styled edifying, and under a stricter system could never have occurred. It is true that the case referred to is happily an exceptional one, and that other instances of return after retirement have not been characterised by vagaries in the police-court, but at the same time the adoption on any general scale of the habit of return while on pension seems open to objection, and particularly as India has quite enough to do in these days in looking after the disciples of Padgett, M. P., who rush blindly into Congress "pandals" or make triumphal processions through the bazaars of Bengal.

THE GOVERNOR IN GUJERAT.

A DAY ON A MINE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

CHAMPANIR, JANUARY 26.

Since three or four decades ago, when the means of separating the particular mineral known as manganese ore from the silicate and other elements with which it is mixed was discovered, and its use of a hardener of steel became freely possible, there has been a veritable rage for manganese throughout the mining world. Probably more money has been lost than won in the enterprise and it remains, as it will always remain, largely a gamble. Manganese men are full of stories of the smart borahs from Bombay who, with wealth in their eye and on the strength of a shining piece of ore dug from one place, skilfully buried and dug up again, have rushed into the field, only to burn their fingers and add to the lore and laughter of the camps. The history of the manganese industry is full of vicissitudes. During the last few weeks it has dropped from 11 1-2d per unit to 5 1-2d, and many of the smaller speculations are doomed, unless they can tide over affairs for a few months by quiet working and waiting for better times. The present financial crisis in America has had an almost disastrous effect upon manganese. Orders for the mineral to the extent of millions have been suddenly cancelled. The industry in Brazil has been almost annihilated, Russia is parlous, and for the moment India is simply stacking. But India is the land with the brightest of possibilities in manganese. The wealth of this country in the mineral cannot be adequately estimated, but optimists see in manganese great times for India in the near future. What is wanted here is the means of crushing the ore. In time, no doubt, instead of the ore having to be sent to Europe to be refined, it will be done in Bombay, and thus huge sums of money now wasted in freight will be saved. The production of the best steel will then be possible in this country, and a great industry will be created. At present India loses enormous sums in the transit of manganese and in the purchase of steel in Europe. Time will alter this.

For the present manganese is one of India's greatest hopes. The best ore is found in this Presidency, and it was therefore natural that during his stay in Bombay the Governor should take a keen interest in it. His first serious tour in the Presidency has therefore included a visit to one of the largest and most prosperous manganese mines in the country—that belonging to the Shevraj Manganese Syndicate, at Shivraj, nine miles from His Excellency's camp at Champanir, a description of which appeared in these columns yesterday. Around Parvagad, the Fort of the Winds, the fascinating mount which yesterday His Excellency ascended, is a park-like area of land, dotted with trees, and enclosed at a distance of a few miles by low ranges of hills also covered with brush and trees. It is upon the sides of one of these ranges that the Shivraj Mine is situated. For two years operations have been constantly going on, with the result that the gentle slopes of the hill are scarred and seamed and covered with dust and boulders of a murky hue. From early morn till dewy eve processions of coolies, men, women, and children, wend their stolid way along the paths across the face of the mine, carrying upon their heads the rugged lumps from which the fine ore is evolved. Almost momentarily throughout the day the report of the blasts are heard, huge volumes of inky dust ascend like smoke over the ridges of the mine, and the broken fragments of black rock are thrown up like fireworks. His Excellency, by the way, was given a novel salute of guns by the Syndicate, the seventeen reports emanating from as many blasts on the topmost reefs of the mine. For sheer sound the Colaba saluting battery are, by comparison, mere pop-guns.

Down in the plain below everything is ordered with model exactness. The long corrugated iron-roofed lines of the natives' huts ; the lines of bullock stables ; the laboratory ; the mine hospital ; and the stores departments are all a picture of what such an encampment should be. Where a few years ago all was as it had been since Adam, is now a small town full of the sounds of human voices and the tinkle of temple bells. Larger spaces around the camp have been cleared of trees ; above upon the hill are the bungalows of the European employes of the mine. In the camp the most curious assortment of natives that this vast Empire can produce are gathered—Punjabis, Multanis, Sikhs, Mahrattas, Bhils, and Nakirs,—in fact the strangest of peoples are assembled,—but in their own quarters, though all more or less intermingling in their daily toil.

Amongst these quaint peoples His Excellency the Governor proceeded this morning learning of the ways and means of these oft. inharmonious peoples, how they lived, and how easily they died, though accidents are comparatively rare upon the mine. The Governor was taken round the mine by Mr. F. A. F. East, the Syndicate's representative in Bombay, and His Excellency displayed the greatest interest in all he saw. The laboratory and hospital especially interested him ; and he had a chat with the mine's medical man. For three hours His Excellency continued his examination of the mine, and listened to explanations of the nature of the various strata found in the hills, until at last His Excellency was carried by bearers to the highest point of the hill, where the new bungalow for the residence of the European staff is being built, where breakfast was served, to which a company of fourteen sat down ; and very pretty the place looked in its mappings of red and white bunting.

After the repast the Governor was felicitously toasted by Mr. East, to which His Excellency replied in a congratulatory speech, and, after a quiet chat across the walnuts and the wine, drove back to his camp at Champanir in Mr. East's motor car.

The mine, though not yet three years old, has had its history—not the least incident of which was the building of the bridge, and the smashing of it by the rush of water in the monsoon. Thus a bridge which had cost fifteen thousand rupees was ended, and the transport of the ore interfered with. Another incident was the building of the mine's mono-rail over the whole twenty miles to the nearest railway station—Champanir Road—whence the mineral has to begin its transportation. All the cars are drawn by yokes of white bullocks and form a picturesque caravanserai as they trot along the road. On the occasion of His Excellency's arrival at Champanir Road Station on Friday a new passenger car drawn by two mules and with a pneumatic tyre on the road-wheel, was used for the first time, and devoted to the conveyance of the press representatives on the Tour. At the present time a hundred tons of ore are being obtained daily from the mine.

To-morrow His Excellency leaves Champanir for Godhra, where he will meet a gathering of the Native Chiefs of the Panch Mahals, and will pay a few private visits, lay a foundation stone, and visit some sports. Altogether it is obvious that this tour of His Excellency is calculated to make the Governor well acquainted with Gujerat, and to render him popular with the people hereabouts.

The Governor at Godhra.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

GODHRA, JANUARY 27.

Sir George Clarke and party arrived at Godhra yesterday from Champaner and was met by the Rajahs of Rajpipla, Baria and Chota Udaipur, and their Kumars and the officials of the District. The Governor received an address from the Municipality to which he felicitously replied. There was a garden party in the evening, previously to which a large number of Chiefs of the Rewa Kantha Agency called upon the Governor. The visits will be returned to-day. In the evening the Governor's party moved through the town which was very charmingly illuminated.

This morning His Excellency opened the New School for the young Kumars of the Rewa Kantha Agency. The ceremony was extremely picturesque and although the requirements of the school were still very large there is excellent promise. Sir George Clarke said that it gave him great pleasure to make his acquaintance with the Chiefs of Rewa Kantha. He had come direct from Pavagad, the classic hill to which so many memories of Rajput galantry cling and from which the ancient home rulers of your states came. He was glad to see so many scions of the great Chaman and Raptor families who could claim the palm for valour among the historic houses of India. In the little Nawab of Balsinor he saw a descendant of the illustrious Babi family which was so closely bound up with the history of Gujerat. That history was, during long years, a record of war, illumined by shining examples of personal gallantry which appealed so strongly to him as an old soldier. We now lived in happier times and the loyal adherence of the Chiefs to the compact of 1825 had substituted order for the ravages of war and had led prosperity and progress, which he trusted would increase with time. He did not forget there had been occasions on which the loyal conduct of the Chiefs had assisted in the prevention of disturbance. The storm which raged over a portion of India in 1857 might have extended into the Presidency of Bombay but for the exemplary action of the Raja of Chota Udaipur, while the Rajas of Rajpipla, Sunth and Lunavada were also called upon to deal with the disturbers of peace. His Excellency congratulated Mr. Brown, the Political Agent, for his efforts on behalf of the school and said his name would through the school be permanetly associated with the school.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

The Sandhurst Road.

A meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held in the Municipal Chamber yesterday afternoon, when in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas Damodher Thakarsy, the President, Mr. James MacDonald was called to the chair.

THE NEW 80 FEET ROAD.

The Corporation considered a letter from the Commissioner forwarding a letter received from the Secretary Bombay Improvement Trust, and requesting sanction of the Corporation to the new 80 feet road, between the Queen's Road and Duncan Road.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtulla proposed that sanction be given to the road being named "Sandhurst Road."

Mr. Dwarkdas Dharamsey seconded the proposition.

Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia moved the following amendment:—"That as Lord Sandhurst's plague policy was very unpopular, excessively unsympathetic, oppressive and improper and his action with regard to the formation of the Improvement Trust—almost wholly a Government Department—was not only exceedingly unfair towards the Municipal Corporation for the City of Bombay but was also highly confiscatory of the people's vested rights in landed properties in the City of Bombay, it is not at all advisable and desirable on the Corporation to give his name, but as the road in question has been constructed on a site which was for years past occupied by some butchers and by baths and hair-cutting shops, extending from Falkland Road to Duncan Road wherein there are several such baths and shops even now, it be called "Hajjam or Dunce," "Barbeque' or "Rom-satru or Barber" Road as suggested and proposed on a previous occasion by the Hon'ble Mr. Dunn, Mr. Alex Todd, and Mr. Dwarkadas Dharamsey respectively."

As no member of the Corporation seconded the amendment, it fell to the ground.

The Hon'ble Sir Pherozeshah Mehta cordially supported the Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtulla's proposition. He observed that the Corporation would well consult its own dign

SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY HUNT.

A LARGE assemblage of between seventy and eighty people congregated at the foot of Sahar Hill on Sunday morning, the fair sex being well represented by Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. McCausland, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Rumboll, Mrs. Priestley, Miss Brooks and Miss Crommelin. The Sahar Hill Meet is admittedly the best situated of all the various places where our local pack assembles from a spectacular point of view, and the sight of such a large concourse of horsemen and horsewomen with the hounds and the regulation costumed Hunt officials waiting by the side of the beautiful clump of green trees is indeed something to be remembered. The ground was covered with a heavy dew, and the air was as still as could be wished. Scent was therefore likely to be good, and the brace of jackals which the pack subsequently accounted for shows that the elements were favourable to the sport we love so much. The last arrivals having reached the Meet, a move was made round the base of the hill into the covert at the end of the Bomanwadi Valley, and our trusty pack soon tells us that a jackal has been lurking around about the neighbourhood. Away go the hounds over these finely banked fields and across a dangerous stretch of melon ground, but many people are fortunately able to strike a handy cart track, and by galloping along this track avoid the possibility of disaster which the blind nature of the melon bed is as often uncomfortably responsible for. Before reaching the few houses, which are situated about half way between the village of Sahar and the Andheri Road, the hounds take a sharp turn to the left, the jackal having probably been headed by some native cultivators, and leading us over a nice line of ricefields we cross the narrow Chuckla Lane and enjoy jumping some good cactus hedges through the Chuckla Groves. Hounds stream out into the open country in the direction of Parla, and run through a large compound, which some three years ago was encircled with some of the most poisonous barbed wire yet invented. Luckily they scramble through without being much damaged, and the chase is continued round about the Home Coverts for a considerable time. The twisting tactics adopted by the jackal of necessity prevents the pace of the gallop being like it is when he runs straight. He is evidently endeavouring to work his way across the railway, but he cannot find a suitable place to do so for some time. Eventually he succeeds close by the crossing at Irla, from which spot we have enjoyed such excellent sport this season on more than one Tuesday morning. The pack follow him over the railway, and kill him about 200 yards on the other side. We were all very thankful that the hunt was brought to a termination here, as the country on the West side of the railway is practically unrideable nowadays, as the growth of Villa residences in this locality, each surrounded with unjumpable walls or big wire fences, has rendered the district hopeless as regards fox-hunting.

Time being still in our favour we accordinly return to Sahar to draw the wood on the North side of the village. This wood is usually a certain find as jackals no doubt during the dark hours of the night creep round about the village in search of a meal which is suitable to their peculiar tastes. There was no exception to the general rule yesterday morning, as the pack rushes out of the wood giving tongue loudly, and lead us over some of the biggest paddy bunds in the Vale of Salsette. Many of these high banks took a good deal of getting over, not a few of the smaller horses and ponies adopting the Irish horses' method of spring on to the top of them viz., taking them on and off as the expression best describes this clever action. We continue riding over this delightful stretch of country until we reach the Backwater. The jackal evidently has not cared to face the flowing stream, as hounds turn to the left, a literally race through the long level Mango Tope parallel with the water, and crossing the Andheri Road only a few yards from the old stone bridge keep up the chase over an area of grassfields fenced with stout cactus hedges until reaching a well known fordable spot in the winding course of the river. Hounds cross the stream and the majority of the riders follow them, but after going only a few yards on the other side the pack turns and recrosses the water, but at a very much deeper place. We follow them as best we can, and scrambling up the stoney side of the stream and through a densely wooded enclosure, we see the pack simply streaking away like greased lightning in the direction of Marole. There is nothing for it but to sit down and gallop just for all we were worth. Skirting round the north side of "Jack Symons' Hill," where an unusually large cactus fence has to be negociated, we cross the Tulsi water pipe and continue as fast as our horses can carry across the Valley of Marole to the big hill, on the summit of which are situated the famous caves. Hounds go straight up this hill and without any loitering about the region of the caves, tear down the steep and stoney slope of the hill on the far side. It was hard enough work indeed for the horses to climb the hill, but it was more difficult still slithering down the precipice on the other side. One sportsman comes to grief, but quickly picks himself up and continues unhurt. On reaching the valley beneath the hounds swerve to the right, the jackal having set his mask for Vehar, and on again arriving at the Tulsi water pipe, but a long distance away from where we had previously crossed it going in the other direction, they bowl over the fugitive in a deep dried up water course. It had been a magnificent gallop and the pace when we got away from the Backwater just as fast as any of the thrusters could wish it to be. Comparisons are always odious, but I doubt anybody being able to point to a previous year when the sport with the Bombay Hounds has been so remarkably good as this season. Each time we got out the gallop seems to excell the run of the previous day, and the fact of the pack yesterday so successfully adding another brace of jackals to their credit, after two such determined hunts, is sufficient proof of the first class sport which we are all so much enjoying this season.

JACKAL.

ALL INDIA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 27.

The All India Hockey Tournament opened at Allahabad this afternoon. Nineteen teams have entered for the tournament, but four teams scratched. Three matches were played this afternoon two of them yielded very close and exciting contests. "A" and "B" teams of the Allahabad Gymkhana were drawn together and after a fairly close game the "A" team won by three Goals to one.

The match between the Durham Light Infantry and the Royal Scots Fusiliers was a very close game. Playing on Saturday at Cawnpore in the Bechtler Hockey Cup the Durhams beat the Royal Scots Fusiliers by four goals to love but to-day they found the Fusiliers a much harder nut to crack. When time was called the score was one goal all, and two extra periods had to be played. Eventually the Royal Scots Fusiliers won by two goals to one. The third match was between the 1st Battalion, the Queens, and the Naini Tal Volunteers. These teams met in the semi-finals last year and the Queens won by a single goal. The match this afternoon was most strenuously contested. Play was very hot from the start to the finish and was a very fine exhibition of hockey. The Queens drew first blood ten minutes after the start and crossed over leading by one goal to love. Shortly after the second half opened Naini Tal equalised and though both the teams did their utmost neither was able to score again. Before time was called two extra periods were played without result, but the Queens had very hard luck on one occasion, the ball hitting the Naini Tal goal post and bounding out behind. The score still remained one goal all and the tie will be replayed tomorrow.

MR. A. H. MEHTA, the premier Parsee Trundler, created yet another bowling record at Sialkote last week. Playing for the Maharaja of Cashmere eleven against Sialkote, he secured the grand analysis of 8 wickets for 6 runs. Besides making a hat-trick he also captured 5 wickets with five consecutive deliveries.

BOMBAY 8th EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, February 1.

Entry closed at 6 P. M. on Monday, 27th January.

THE FEBRUARY PLATE—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr R R S' br aus g Uro by Havoc—Manganese (4 yrs)
Mr R R S' b aus m Posco
Mr Kelso's br aus g St Patrick
Mr John Morris' b aus m Afruna
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's b aus g Admiral Crichton
Aga S Shah's ch e h Forfeit
Aga S Shah's br e h Peria Doray
Mr W Hutchins' br aus g Baritone
Mr Jiji's br e h Pelargonium II by Upas-Hehotrope (4 yrs)
Mr Vaid's b e g Cossack
Mr S A Wahed's b e h Sir Galahad
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's br aus m Lady Metal
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's b e m Ianthe
Messrs M Goculdas and Scot Nimmo's ch e m Zotique

ANDHERI PLATE—Distance 1 1-4 miles.

Mr R R S' b a h Egypt
Mr R R S' g a h Precious
Mr R R S' ch a h Tachreet 13 3 3 4
Mr W S Clarke's ch a h Alma
Mr M A Khan's ch a h Nooman 13 3 3-4
Mr Toolsidass Tejpal's g a h Antica 13 3 1-2
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Eed 14
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Swalior
Mr Ali Bin Talib's b a h Melbourne
Messrs Somjee and A A Saif's g a h Mooreed 13 3
Mr G K's b a h Peculiar
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Skylark 14
Mr Hossain Obayed's ch a h Kastantin
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's g a h Young Kohinoor 14
Captain Murchant's b a h King Cobweb 13 3 3-4 by wire
THE BANDORA PLATE—Distance 6 furlongs.
Major Pitman's g a h Express 13 3 1-2
Mr R R S' g a h Vosco 14 0
Mr R R S' b a h Scimitar 13 2 3-4
Mr R R S' ch a h Mint 13 3
Mr M A Khan's ch a h Norman 13 3 3-4
Mr M A Khan's ch a h Salanic 14
Mr Kelso's g a h Young Gazelle 13 2
Mr Kelso's b a h Hermit 13 3
Mr Hajee Ally Shibag's b a h Company 14
Mr Ali Ben Talib's ch a h Herricul 14
Mr Ali Ben Talib's b a h Albert Victor 14
Mr Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker 13 1 1-2
Aga S Shah's g a h Grey Falcon 13 2 3-4
Mr Wallace's ch a h Ragub 13 2 3-4
Mr E C Ramshaw's g a h Grijstan 13 3 1-2
Mr A S Oomer's b a g Norwood 13 2 1-2
Mr A S Oomer's g a h Basheer 13 3
Mr Adil's b a h Dumra 13 3 1-2
Mr Mujeed Jurje's g a h Silver Stream 13 2 1-2
Mr Khalil Dooree's ch a h Anne d 13 3
Mr Hajee Sullaman's b a h Patna 13 3 3-4
Mr Hajee Sullaman's b a h Gaucho 13 2 3-4
Mr Jassim Dakeet's b a h Sulawar 13 3
Mr S N Mahomed's ch a h Caravan 13 3
Mr L K Kapadia's g a h Darby 13 2 1-2
Mr Dawood Essack's g a h Moscow 14
Mr A Razak's br a h Osborne 13 3 1-2
Mr N J Jacob's b a h Almas 13 3 1-2
Messrs N J Jacob and A. Gany's g a h Maharaja 13 3 1-2
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's g a h False Star 13 3 3-4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's ch a h Vedas 14 0
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's ch a h Nazzar 14 0
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b a h Hazza 14 3 1-4
Messrs M Goculdass and J C Galstaun's b a h Sir Jamal 13 1 3-4
Mr A M Bashar's b a h Bourbon 13 3 1-2

THE NEW COMERS' CONSOLATION PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr R R S' ch a h Devon 13-3 3-4 4 years
Mr R R S' g a h Winter aged
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Barsed 4 years
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Afreed 13 3 1-2 aged
Mr George's ch a h Corrector later Esar 13 3 1-2 4 years
Mr Pitt's ch a h Fritz 13 3 3-4 years
Mr A S Oomer's Chat Golden Dream 3 years
Mr Adil's g a h Martyn 13-3 3 years
Mr A M Ameer's ch a h Vendetta 4 years
Messrs Abdoola Faraz and A M Ameer's b a h Hadban 4 years
Mr Tahar Yune's b a h Meerdhan 4 years
Mr Hoosain Bin Zaher's ch a h Young Salanic 14 0 4 years
Mr Hoosain Bin Zaher's ch a h Narsin 13 3 1-4 5 years
Mr Abdool Gany's g a h Bobally 14 6 years
Mr Hajee Mahmood Mahomed's g a h Malik Jaman 13 3 1-2 6 years
Mr Cross' g a h Rome Alli 13 3-4 years
Mr A K Dakayel's b a h Broadrib 4 years
Mr A K Dakayel's g a h Bassam 14 4 years
Mr Hajee Aboodis, g a h Naief 13 3 1-4 3 years
Mr A M Jeweser's ch a h Jacsa 13-3 3-4 5 years
Mr Kassim Jurjis', b a h Desert King 4 years
Mr Abdoola Mahomed Said's g a h Sher 5 years
Mr Abdoola Mahomed Said's g a h Mutlag 14-4 years
Mr Hajee Ally Khaderi's, b a h Saree 14 3 5 years
Mr Syed Rashid's g a h Seryaver 6 years
Mr Hajee Mahomed Ally's b a h Minawur 14 3 years
Mr Zamil Jeweser's ch a h Bamoral 4 years
Mr L K Kapadia's ch a h Russam 4 years
Mr Ebrahim Mana's ch a h Arcadia 13 3 1-2 4 years
Mr Abdul Mohsin Mana's ch g h His Highness 4 years
Messrs Abdul Latiff and Essa Mulla Sulleman's b a h Little Gafil 13 3 3-4 6 years
Mr Syed Aga Mir's ch a h Aden 13 2 1-2 3 years
Mr Jassim Abdul Karim's g a h Nusban 5 years
Mr Pett's b a h Hullo 13 1 3-4 aged
Messrs A A McKenzie and S A Wahed's ch a h Wild Poppy 3 years
Aga Mirza Ahmed and S A Wahed's ch a h The Menostor 13 3 1-4 4 years
Mr Abdoola Bassam's b a h Signal
Mr Allybhoy Noorbhoy's g a h Soocab 4 years
Mr Fattehalla Essack's ch a h Retriever 14-0 6 years
Mr Mahomed Bishar's ch a h Helper aged
Mr A M Ameer's b a h Turkish Flag III 13 3 1/4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b a h Transfer 14-0 3 years
Messrs M Goculdass and a Nanjee's g a h Najmi 13-3 1/2 4 years
Mr A A Shamlan's b a h Viceroy 13-2 3-4 6 years
Aga Farrukh Shah's b a h Rising Falcon 13 3-4 4 years

If necessary after declaration of Forfeit at 6 p m on Thursday 30th January 1908, the entries will be divided and two or more races given.

THE ROSEHILL PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr R R S' bl aus g Comeback 14:2
Mr R R S' ch aus m Lady Nannie 14 1
Mr Kelso's b aus m Russley Rose 14 1
Mr Kelso's ch aus g Encourage 14 1 1-4
Mr Artin A Essayee's br aus g Koko 14 2
Aga S Shah's b aus m Welsh Love 14 1 1-2
Mr Vaid's b aus h Mandeville 14 2
Mr J B's br aus m Wakeful 14 1 3-4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's br aus m Minnie 14 2
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's bl aus m Gun Metal 14 1 3-4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's br aus m Cheeky by Bobadil Saucy Girl 14 1
Captain Maynell's ch e m Recovery 14 2

THE SMALL BEGINNERS' CONSOLATION PLATE—Distance 1-2 mile

Mr R R S' ch a h Trouble 13 2
Mr H S Cassidy's ch a h Diamond King 13 3
Mr Toolsidas' Tejpals b a h Virtuous Bay 13 2 1-4
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Lassa 13 3
Mr Mahomed Hajee Talib's g a h Sailor Boy 13 3
Mr Artin A Essayee's b a h Monster 13 3
Mr Alex A Esayee's ch a h Porter 13 2
Aga S Shah's g a h Hooded Falcon 13 1 1-2
Mr Wallace's b a h Mountain King 13 2 3-4
Mr Wallace's g a h Sir Askar 13 2
Aga Mirza's g a h Good Time 13 2 1-2
Mr Dorvesh Shaikly's b a h Westminster 13 3
Mr Pitt's b a h Frolic 13 2
Mr Pitt's b a h Hullo 13 2 3-4
Mr A S Oomer's b a h Maharaj Dhiraj 13 2 1-2
Mr A S Oomer's b a h Verify 13 2 1-2
R K Sirdar Singhji and A S Oomer's g a h Rajah Bahadur 13 3
Mr Adil's g a h Martyn 13 3
Mr Mahomed Shehash's g a h Mijlad 13 1 1-4
Mr Sulleman Mahalla's ch a h Uganda 13 3
Mr Sulleman Mahalla's ch a h Holker 13 3
Mr Abdoola Mahalla's ch a h Ateyha 13 3
Mr G H Jamsetjee's g a h Good Morning 13 2 3-4
Mr Cross' g a h Rome Alli 13 3
Mr Ahmed Deeb's ch a h Orby 13 2
Mr Abdul Azez Deeb's ch a h Wool Winder 13 2 3-4
Mr A K Dakayel's b a h Light 13 3
Mr G K's ch a h Disfigure 13 2
Mr G K's g a h Brussels 13 2 1-2
Mr Hamed Hazamy's ch a h Rogers 13 2
Mr Jassim bin Mahomed's b a h Toskin 13 2 1-2
Mr Mohsin Abdul Azez's g a h Murzook 13 2 1-4
Mr Radave Abdool Rehman's ch a h British Flag 13 2 1-4
Mr Mahomed Shatave's b a h Barrak 13 3
Mr Sheeth Bin Saif's b a h Dont Forget 13 2
Mr H Framjee's g a h Clarke 13 3
Mr Syed Rashid's b a h Zalib 13 3
Mr Hajee Mahomed Ally's ch a h Thamir 13 3
Mr Yas Khadayer's, g a h Pootas 13 2 1-4
Mr Abdoola Mana's ch a h Lenzo 13 2
Mr Essa Mulla Sulleman's b a h Satha 13 3
Mr Syed Aga Mir's ch a h Aden 13 2 1-2
Messrs H Mujeed and Y Sheriff's g a h Fav 13 2 1-2
Mr Syed Mustapha Bir's g a h Barki 13 2 1-4
Mr G R Mullen's b a h Sir George 13 2 1-2
Mr Sulleman Bahar's b a h Raad 13 2 3-4
Messrs G Rasoolkhan and Abdul Kader's b a h Majuba 13 2
Messrs Zaid Mahomed and A Razak's g a h Good Chance 13 2 1-4
Messrs Zaid Mahomed A Razak's g a h Gatleng 13 1
Mr Jawad Mahomed's ch a h Heron 13 3
Mr A Razak's ch a h Shirvin 13 3
Messrs M Goculdass and Nanjee's g a h Chasib 13 2 1-4
Mr A A Shamlan's g a h Arab Prince 13

If necessary after declaration of forfeit at 6 p m on Thursday 30th January 1908, the entries will be divided and two or more races given.

CECIL GREY.
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, January 27th 1908.

MOTOR NOTES FROM HOME.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JANUARY 10.

THE WIRE WHEEL.

The advantages of the wire over the wood wheel is obvious in the tropics. At Home there is a tendency to adopt wire wheels on account of their greater strength and indifference to temperature and the effects of excessive dampness or dryness. But it seems, just now, as if rumours are being industriously circulated by the opponents of this form of wheel, that they tend to ruin the tyres by permitting water to get to them through the holes in the rim. If this were true it is hardly likely that the Lanchester Company, for instance, would have continued to use them, and to still use them, after seven years of experience. Messrs Rudge-Whitworth, Ltd., issue a protest against the depreciation of the wire wheel, and point out that as each spoke nipple has a head very like the valve is a motor cylinder, and the rim is drilled and countersunk in the direction that the spoke will occupy, the tension on the spoke draws this nipple head on to a perfect seating, through which it is absolutely impossible for water to penetrate. Which is obvious when it is remembered that the spoke tension varies from 600 to 1,200 lbs. But the wire wheel justifies itself to those who have had practical experience with it.

ON TYRES.

The tyre is a matter second to none in importance for the motorist. The tyre is the most expensive feature in the cost of running a car, and is a fruitful source of trouble—as we all know. Yet, it is pretty safe to assume, the average motorist gives less attention to his tyres than to any other parts of his vehicle. Punctures, cuts, bursts. These are always apt to occur, and when they do, are not infrequently patched up, or botched up, in the quickest, readest, and often the most careless manner possible. Of course, lack of means, methods and materials, has much to do with this. But there is no reason why the car-owner should not so repair his own tyres, and in such manner that the punctures, cuts and bursts shall be as though they never were. And this can be achieved effectually by the Harvey Frost process. I have recently seen a 1-inch cut in the cover, to the canvas, and a 4-inch burst in a tube effectively and simultaneously repaired in a few minutes at a total cost of 2½d., and I have now before me a strip of rubber in which a hole has been filled and vulcanized in such manner that the filling has become as much a part of the tyre as if it had been originally made up with it. The motorist in far countries, away from repairers, cannot do better than drop a line to Harvey Frost & Co., Ltd., 39, Great Eastern Street, London, E. C., for further particulars.

THE SHIP OF THE DESERT.

The "Ship of the desert" is shortly to have his monopoly challenged on his native sands. As usual, it is the insistent and ubiquitous motor-car that is trying to push him aside. Messrs. Arrol Johnston & Co. have just built a 38-45 h.p. car to the order of Sir Francis Wingate, Sirdar of Egypt, designed to replace the camel in patrol work. Many of the special features of the car are unique. The engine is entirely cased in with sheet metal and is thus practically sand proof. The gears and back axle are made to stand the strain thrown on them by the solid tyres with which the car is fitted. The road wheels are of cast steel with discs of sheet-steel bolted to each side. Paddle blades are bolted on the driving wheels to help in ploughing a course through exceptionally soft sand. Water and provisions may be carried both for car and man to last a considerable time as journeys of very great distances may be undertaken. On good hard surface a speed of 35 miles per hour is possible, though 18 miles per hour is expected to be about the average desert pace.

A SMASH AT BROOKLANDS.

Useful as are the experiments in connection with speed and endurance trials at Brooklands, the risks attending them are considerable. On Thursday last Mr. H. C. Tryon made an attempt on the hour record. A successful start was made, and an official world's record for the 50 miles was secured in the time of 37min. 45·95secs., and at a speed of 79·43miles per hour. In the twenty-first lap, however, a rear-tyre burst and jammed between the wheel and the frame so as to absolutely lock the wheel. The car was travelling at a rate of 80 miles per hour, and the effect of the wheel locking was to spin the car round three times. Then, reaching the edge of the track, the car leaped the road, landing on the other sides and carrying some iron railings and telegraph post with it. Mr. Tryon, the driver, was severely shaken but otherwise unhurt. The moral is, however, not to print the moral of these trials as foolhardy feast; but as experimentally determining the stress and strain resisting qualities of various forms of car and tyre construction. Thus, to the qualities of the sportsman, the Brooklands racing man unites those of the martyr of science. To this the average non-motorist replies, aptly enough, that whilst he appreciates the martyrdom of the motor scorcher, he objects to being made to share the honours with him.

FOR THE F. M. S.

Selangor appears to be getting very much up-to-date. Whereas in London the old-fashioned horse-drawn fire-engine still remains the rule, in Selangor it is the exception. Some time ago Messrs. Merryweather sent a "Fire King" motor fire-engine out there, and they have just shipped out a motor-driven hose reel to keep it company.

MINOR MEMS.

A cable has just been received by the Deasy Company from a gentleman in India who has a 24 h.p. Deasy car, stating that he has made a splendid record run between Bombay and Calcutta.

Major G.E. Smith, R. E., recently drove Mr. Winston Churchill to Fort Hall, British East Africa, and back a distance of about 60 miles over almost impossible roads on a Turner-Miesse steam car.

There are thirty-six motor cars in use on the Island of Mauritius. As in other places Eastward, the preference is for low-priced vehicles.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

"Government Gazette" January 25.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Mr Harinath De, of the Indian Educational Service, Officiating Librarian of the Imperial Library, Calcutta, is confirmed in that appointment.

The Honourable Sir Denzil Charles Jelf Ibbetson, K C S I, is permitted to resign His Majesty's Indian Civil Service with effect from the 23rd January.

Lieutenant-Colonel J T W Leslie, IMS, Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, is granted privilege leave for three months with furlough for seven months in continuation with effect from the 28th January or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Lieutenant-Colonel C J Bamber, IMS, Sanitary Commissioner, Punjab, is appointed to officiate as Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India during the absence on leave of Lieutenant Colonel J T W Leslie.

The services of Captain E W C Bradfield, M B, I MS, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bombay for employment on plague duty with effect from the 3rd January.

The services of Captain J McC A MacMillan, M B, IMS, are replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

Mr C A Norman, Extra-Asst Supdt, 2nd grade Survey of India, is promoted to be Extra Asst Supdt, 1st grade, with effect from the 15th November.

Mr J Eccles, M A, Supdt, 1st grade, Survey of India is appointed to officiate as Supdt, Trigonometrical Surveys, vice Colonel Burrard appointed to officiate as Surveyor Genl of India or until further orders.

Lieut J A Field, R E, is appointed Asst Supdt, 2nd grade, Survey of India, with effect from the 11th Jan.

Mr B Coventry, Director, Agricultural Research Institute, and Principal Agricultural College, Pusa, is granted an extension of one day's furlough 21st November.

Mr R S Troup, Imperial Forest Economist at the Imperial Forest Research Institute and College, Dehra Dun, is granted privilege leave for 3 months combined with furlough for 5 months, with effect from the 1st April or such subsequent date on which he can be relieved.

Mr A J Gibson, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Punjab is temporarily appointed to be Imperial Forest Economist, vice Mr Troup and until further orders.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The Honourable Mr. W A Inglis, Chief Engr, and Secy, Bengal, is appointed to officiate as Secy to the Govt of India in the Public Works Dept with effect from the 25th January during the absence of Mr L M Jacob, C S I, on privilege leave.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr Chuni Lal is posted temporarily as additional Deputy Comptroller, Post Office, Calcutta, with effect from the 16th Jan.

INDIAN TROUBLES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—It would be unnatural at the present crisis for India to withhold her hand of sympaty to her sons across the seas who are now undergoing a systematic rough treatment at the hands of those who, it seems, only the other day received the inestimable blessings of self-government conferred on them by H. I. M. the King-Emperor, all because the Indians inheriting the commercial instinct and enterprise of their masters, the British pioneers, who left kith and kin and home behind and crossed the seven seas in search of fresh fields —simply passed over, with the same indentical object, from one British shore to another under the protection of that "Glorious Flag that may sink with shot torn wreck, but never float over a slave." There is something cruelly wrong as well as inconsistent about one portion of British subjects being barred from entering His Majesty's Dominions over the seas by shutting the door against them, while for all others, including foreigners, the door is open at all times for enterance. A great mistake unhappily appears to have been allowed to creep in from the beginning when some distinctive line should have been drawn between His Majesty's subjects in India who are purely out and out British born subjects, and the non-British subjects coming from China, Siam, Afghanistan, &c, who may, without the least doubt, be classed as Asiatics owing no allegiance to the King-Emperor; but with the Indian it is exactly the opposite, although he is an Asistic. From the commencement this fact got mixed up and misunderstood to class all individuals coming from the East as Asiatics, at the same time losing sight of the marked difference between the people of India from the Asiatics who are not, and never have been, British subjects although they are all Asiatics, pure and simple. It is hard to realise the unsavory fact that in this progressive twentieth century one part of the British Empire should array itself into an uncompromising opposition and determination to shut out the people of an immense dependency of the same Empire like India, hitherto heralded as being "the brightest jewel in the British Crown," and yet it is a startling fact. During the Boer War all the British Indians in the Transvaal and Natal instead of siding with the Boers, bravely threw in their lot, for better or for worse, with the British, and what they had loyally organised and successfully accomplished has now passed into History. The British soil all over the wide world has been looked upon as almost bordering on to a sanctuary which has been beautifully and touchingly exemplified in Mrs. Stowes Uncle Tom's Cabin when Josiah Henson, the slave of forty years, on reaching the British soil (Fort Erie in Canada) from the United States of America, rolled on the ground and took handfuls of the British earth and threw it all over him for joy that he has safely reached England's Fredom's soil, but all this has now disappeared with the frank admission of a Liberal Government that the Mother country, according to Mr. Birrell, is powerless to act in the matter as she is not in a position to dictate to the self-governing colonies, and Mr. Churchhill, fresh from his recent African tour, comes to the rescue with British East Africa as a "compensating field for Indians", who may now make up their minds to accept the alternative as the opposition is more from the Boer element than the British who are very reluctant to disturb or interfere with the present state of affairs in the Transvaal.

OBSERVER.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, Jan. 28.

1 There will be a drill at Santa Cruz for members residing in that neighbourhood to-morrow Wednesday the 29th instant at 7 a.m.

Dress—Drill Order, Khaki.

2 It is notified for information that the Annual Camp will open at Santa Cruz on Wednesday the 4th March and close with the Annual Inspection by the General Officer Commanding on Wednesday the 18th March.

T. W CUFFE, Major.,
Comdg. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, Jan. 28.

396 DRILL

No 1 Company—
Tuesday the 28th instant at 9 p m Squad Drill with Rifles in the Town Hall Compound.
Dress.—Plain clothes.
Saturday the 18th proximo 6" B L C Gun Drill at Mahaluximi, Fort, parade at Church Gate Station at 4-40 p m.
Dress—Khaki and Caps.
No 2 Company.
Tuesday the 28th instant at 9 p m Lecture on Ammunition at the Nesbit Road Head Quarters.
Thursday the 30th instant at 9 p m 6" B L C Gun Drill at Mahaluximi Fort.
Dress—Khaki and Caps.
Saturday the 1st proximo 6" B L C Gun Drill at Mahaluximi Fort at 5 p m
Dress—Khaki and Caps.

397 E E Co,

The E E Co will parade at 6 30 p m on Wednesday the 29th instant at Apollo Bunder and proceed to Middle Ground for Electric Light manning

R. W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Adjt., B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, Jan. 28.

45.—Detail for the week ending Saturday the 1st proximo :—
To-day Tuesday the 28th.—"M" Coy. Parade on Company parade ground at 3-30 p. m.
II.—"I" Coy. parade on company parade ground at 4-15 p.m.
III.—"L" Coy. parade on company parade ground at 4-45 p.m.
IV.—Ambulance Class in the Telegraph Office, Fort, at 4-45 p.m.
V.—Bugle practice in rear of Skating Rink at 8-30 p. m.
Wednesday the 29th.—Commanding Officer's Parade.
Fall in at Sir Richard Temple's Statue at 6 p. m.
Dress.—Drill Order, Khaki Uniform, with Forage Caps.
Subject,—Skirmishing and fire Discipline, Sections 33 to 43 Training Appendix 1905.
Thursday the 30th.—Semaphore Drill in rear of Telegraph Quarters at 7a.m.
II.—"L" Coy. Parade on company parade ground at 7-45 a.m.
III.—"I," "K" and "M" Cos. parade on the Maidan at 4 p.m.
46 Camp of Instruction. The Annual Camp of Instruction will take place at Santa Cruz from the 1st to 8th February 1908.
Conveyance—On Saturday the 1st Proximo, Special accommodation will be made for the conveyance of Volunteers to Santa Cruz by the Train leaving Colaba at 4-10 p.m. Fares will be paid for those Volunteers joining the train at Colaba, Church Gate, Marine Lines, Charni Road, Grant Road and Mahaluxmi Stations
Volunteers travelling from any other Stations will pay their own fares which will be refunded.
The Railway Authorities have made arrangements to reserve accommodation by the trains leaving to the following timings daily :—
From Santa Cruz 9-11 and 9-41 a m
From Colaba 4-10 p m
Railway Tickets—Railway Tickets will be issued at the order's Room for one hour after every parade, and, Volunteers must on no account travel except by the trains notified in Regimental Orders or without tickets
Bedding—All Members sleeping in Camp must provide themselves with blankets and rugs
Clothing.—No clothing of any description will be taken into Camp for issue. All ranks are requested to complete any deficiencies to which they are entitled before the 31st instant
Adjutant's Office.—The Adjutant's office will close in Bombay on the 31st instant and open in Camp on the 1st proximo

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa
Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Brest Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Aden Perfect.
Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Valentia Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Cadiz. Tenerife Perfect.
Via Suez Interrupted	Via Suez Interrupted	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	.....	Via Bhamo Perfect.	Via Lisbon. Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 27th Jan. 1908.

(Difference in longitude allowed for.)

Via	LATEST DATES. D.	H.	M.	TIME OCCUPIED IN TRANSMISSION. Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey	...	...	.....	..	...
Teheran	27	10	5 a m	3	13
Suez	..	..	.....	..	..

NOTICE.

London notifies delay on outwards traffic due interruption English Land Lines. (17-1-08).

Cable Teneriffe St. Louis (Senegal) interrupted for repairs. Telegrams for Senegal can only be forwarded via Lisbon Madeira (17-1-08.)

Haiti (West Indies) notifies that all offices on Land Line system are temporarily closed for international traffic (21-1-08).

Suez route interrupted between sues alexandria 21-1-08

Moulmein route to Siam via Kanburi right 27-1-08

Bhamo route to China interrupted beyond Tengyueh 7-1-08

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, JANUARY 27.

The shallow depression in the United Provinces yesterday has moved eastward and has become very ill defined. It has given rain locally in Assam, light to moderate in amount. There is cloud there and in Deltaic Bengal, while as the winds remain southerly at the head of the Bay the conditions continue favourable for some further rain in North-East India. The weather is still unsettled in Kashmir where a local precipitation has occurred. The depression appeared yesterday over Turkish Arabia and gave light rain at Baghdad and is to-day affecting Persia. Rain has occurred at Ispahan.

In Burma the cloud has increased in Upper Burma, but the skies remain clear in the south and is humidity and temperature normal except for excess in the latter in the north. In North-East India and Orissa the shallow depression from the United Provinces has given local rain to Assam, Sibsagar reporting one inch and Dibrugarh a quarter. Cloud has appeared in the Southern Districts and Assam, and the air is damper than usual in Deltaic Bengal and contains the average quantity of moisture elsewhere. The temperature has risen and is above normal at most stations. In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces the skies are clear and in the United Provinces and West Central India light cloud has appeared. In the rest of the Division humidity has decreased in the United Provinces and increased in the Central Provinces and is nearly equal to average everywhere. The temperature is in excess in the United Provinces, East Central India and nearly normal elsewhere. In the North-West India the disturbed conditions in Kashmir have caused a local precipitation. Sonemarg records one and a half inches and Dras a quarter. The skies are clear except in Kashmir the humidity below the average in Lower Sind and Rajputana and normal or in excess elsewhere. The temperature is still high in Kashmir, but in the rest of the Division has fallen and is approximately normal. In the Peninsula the skies are clear or lightly clouded, the moisture in the air is nearly equal to the average and the temperature continues normal.

Forecast—A few falls of rain are probable in North-East India, chiefly in Assam and possible in Upper Burma and a further precipitation is likely in Kashmir.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 27TH JANUARY.

Amritsar.—Weather now fine. Considerable improvement in crops preceptible.

Hansi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Expect improvement in crops owing to seasonable weather. Crop prospects improving.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Wheat doing well.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops doing well.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops doing well.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general.

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Rabi Crop prospects generally good.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton crop accounts unfavourable. Wheat doing well.

Broach.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants flourishing and show bolls rapidly ripening. Present weather may improve cotton yields slightly. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

Viramgam.—Cotton plants showing bolls.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening, and continue to show more improvement.

Dholera.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls. Cotton healthy.

Barsi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Crop accounts less favourable.

Sholapur.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain much needed generally.

Hubli.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls. Cotton crop accounts satisfactory. Crop prospects generally good.

Bellary.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants ready for picking.

STANDARD BAROMETER READINGS.

The reading of the barometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to

THE TWO SERVICES.

An important addition to the administrative department of the Home Fleet is the appointment of Captain the Hon. A. E. Bethell, C. M. G., as Chief of Staff of Vice-Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman, for special duties in connection with the nucleus crew ships in this command. When it is recollected that the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet is responsible for over 200 ships, the necessity for some division of control is obvious if this large force is to be efficiently looked after. By placing the nucleus crew division of the Home Fleet in the care of an officer borne on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief the Admiralty have taken a further step towards perfecting the organisation of Admiral Bridgeman's command, inasmuch as the allocation of duties under this arrangement will not only enable proper supervision to be exercised over the partly-manned ships, but will leave the Commander-in-Chief with more freedom to attend to the onerous and responsible work which devolves upon the senior officer of the largest number of warships ever placed under the orders of an admiral. The Home Fleet's new chief of staff is second on the list for promotion to flag rank, and as his advancement may be looked for in the immediate future, it is thought that the Admiralty would not have selected an officer of Captain Bethell's seniority for an appointment of this character, in which continuity of service is important, unless they intended that he should retain it on promotion.

REDISTRIBUTION OF DESTROYERS.

By the end of this month the series of changes which the Admiralty decided upon some time ago in the composition of destroyer flotillas so as to bring about a more homogeneous system of grouping will have been completed. The distribution will then be as follows:—

	Fully Manned. "River" Class.	30-kt.	Nucleus. "River" Class.	30-kt.	27-kt.
Eastern Group ...	18	6	—	—	—
Western Group ...	12	12	2	4	—
Nore ...	—	—	2	7	16
Portsmouth ...	—	—	—	16	8
Devonport ...	—	—	—	12	8

From this it will be seen that the Channel Fleet's permanent destroyer flotilla, composed of the Western group, will number 24 units, in addition to six stationed at Portland with nucleus crews as a reserve from which to keep the fully manned units at full strength. Similarly, the destroyers attached to the Home Fleet, consisting of the Eastern group, will number 24, with full complements, but instead of there being a nucleus crew flotilla tethered to the Home Fleet, the Commander-in-Chief of this force will obtain reserves from the group of destroyers to be stationed at the Nore. This arrangement will consolidate both the Channel and Home Fleets by doing away with the lien by which the destroyers in the Channel Fleet rendered temporarily unfit for service with the permanent flotilla have been replaced by units from the Home Fleet's torpedo draft.

THE SLOOP CLASS.

It is a singular commentary upon the "scrapheaping" policy of the Admiralty that with the commissioning of the sloops "Rinalde" and "Vestal" as tenders to the Devonport and Portsmouth gunnery schools respectively, only one vessel of this class—the "Rosario"—remains unemployed. Originally there were twelve of these vessels, six single screw and six twin-screw; but the "Condor," the pioneer of the class, foundered in the Pacific during her first commission. When the weeding out of ships on the effective list was taken in hand, many of the sloop class were relegated to the anchorages for obsolete ships, although they had only done one period of commissioned service. Gradually, however, they have been found new spheres of duty, until the only representative of the class now unemployed is the "Rosario," in the Dockyard Reserve at Hong Kong. The "Clio" and "Cadmus," the last two built, are on river service on the China station; the "Odin" is usefully employed as drill ship for Naval Volunteers at the Cape; the "Espiegle" is used as a training ship in connection with the R. N. College, Dartmouth; the "Shearwater" is on station duties on the West Coast of North America; the "Mutin," "Merlin," and "Fantome" are on surveying service abroad; and the "Rinaldo" and "Vestal" have been appointed for instructional service with gunnery classes at Devonport and Portsmouth. The fact of employment having been found for the sloops which were sent to the Motherbank shows that it must not be hastily assumed that all ships relegated to that and other anchorages set apart for "ineffectives" are necessarily intended to be "scrapped."

THE FUSION OF NAVAL OFFICERS.

The changes made some few months back with the intention of taking the first step towards the fusion of the existing class of naval officers, with those at present under training under the new scheme, appears to be working satisfactorily. It will be remembered that the Admiralty decided to place the gunnery and torpedo lieutenants in entire charge of the mechanical apparatus and machines of their departments, starting from certain definite points in the hydraulic and air systems, &c., where the responsibility of the engineer was to cease, except when called in by the captain to assist the gunnery and torpedo specialists in large repairs or examinations. By this method the engineer still remains the mechanic-in-chief in all departments of the ship, but the gunnery, electrical, and torpedo departments are run mainly by the specialist lieutenants, under the captain, who have a special staff of mechanics for the purpose. Experience has shown that this can be done with the present executive officers, who are given a little extra training in mechanical work, and it will, of course, come comparatively easy to those who will follow the present generation, and who are now receiving so much training in mechanics in their ordinary courses. The transfer of the necessary stores between the engineers and warrant officers has now been ordered to round off the above change.

NAVAL PETTY OFFICERS REQUIRED.

An indication of the value of men trained in the Navy for responsible posts abroad is indicated by an application of the High Commissioner for Northern Nigeria. Two vacancies exist for masters in the Marine Department of the protectorate, and the High Commissioner has requested that they may be filled by the selection of chief petty officers of the Royal Navy. The engagement is to be for two tours of twelve months' resident service in West Africa, with leave incident there to, making altogether about 16 months for each tour. Men from the active service list are preferred, though the names of petty officer pensioners may be submitted. There will probably be plenty of volunteers for the post, as the salary begins at £200, and rises by £10 annual increments to £300 per annum. The outward and homeward passages are also paid. It is very desirable that as many billets as possible in our Protectorates and Dependencies should be filled with ex-sailors and ex-soldiers in the minor posts, as they go to form an excellent nucleus of officers for native levies when trouble arises, and also act as the eyes and ears of the governing power in out-of-the-way places. Sailors are also accustomed to rapid changes of climate, and are, therefore, physically fit for duties in trying climates.

THE MUTINY FUND.

An object entirely good and commendable is that which has been set on foot to brighten and give peace to the latter days of veterans of the Crimea and Indian Mutiny Lord Roberts's appeal appears in another column and is explanatory of the need and the intention. His Majesty, ever watchful, like his august mother, over the welfare of those who have fought for the Crown, has generously opened the list of subscribers with a donation of 1,000 guineas, and his loyal subjects have followed the lead of the Sovereign. Thus some of these worthy and gallant veterans who have fallen upon evil days will be saved from the ignominy of the workhouse in their old age, and the humiliation of a pauper's grave. The movement to establish a Veterans' Relief Fund is tardy, but not less welcome on that account. Lord Roberts a few days ago became painfully aware that no small number of these veterans have their homes in workhouses. That fact has been known for a long time to many persons who have interested themselves in this subject, but evidently neither funds nor private endeavours have sufficed.

THE BALACLAVA FUND.

Yet the good work accomplished should not be overlooked. Mr. T. H. Roberts's Balaclava Light Brigade Charge Survivors' Fund has raised and distributed nearly £6,000 to these veterans since its initiation in July, 1897. It has been disinterested work, little recognised, and the survivors of the charge have been taken out of the workhouses and kept out of them. The operations now require to be widened, and it would be an error of judgment, as well as a practical injustice, to confine the benefits of the proposed Relief Fund to Crimean and Indian Mutiny survivors. There must be veterans of our fighting in China, New Zealand, Abyssinia, Ashanti, and Afghanistan, as well as in minor expeditions long ago, whose service was as gallant as that of the men of the Crimea and the Mutiny. A large and generous view must be taken of this matter. Crimean and Mutiny veterans have been neglected long, notwithstanding much disinterested work on their behalf; let us not, in generous enthusiasm, forget others who have just as good a title to our regard. The distribution of such a fund as is to be raised will demand discretion and careful preliminary inquiry, or the advantage expected will not result.

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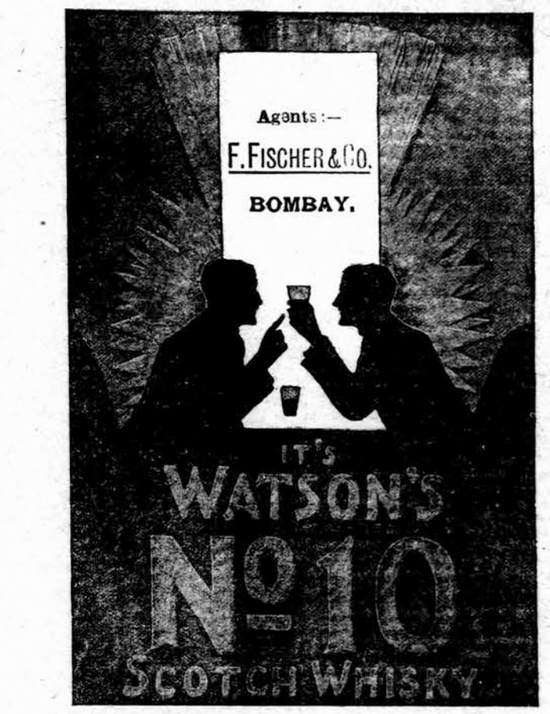

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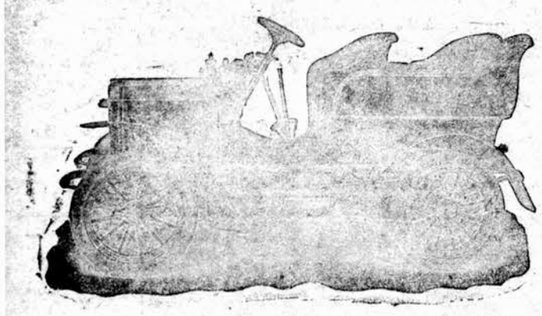

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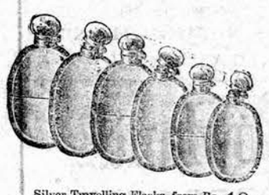

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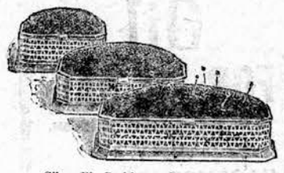

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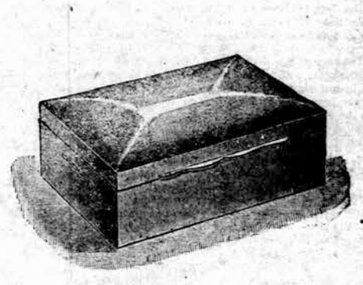

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